



2025 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

This award is presented in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to commemorate his belief that progress is best achieved through cooperation rather than conflict, participation rather than partisanship, and compassion and understanding rather than hatred and prejudice.

The scholarship is awarded to minority nominees who have demonstrated a need and a willingness to continue an educational mission toward a college education related to a career in the criminal justice field. An ACA member must recommend nominations to the ACA Committee on Correctional Awards. Members, patrons and friends are invited to annually contribute to the fund for this scholarship.

Nominees need not be ACA members, however, nomination packages must include proof of, acceptance by or current attendance at an undergraduate program of a four-year college. Nominations also must provide proof of or an affirmative statement of financial need and proof of academic achievement and demonstrate commitment to the principles of Dr. King. **Please be sure that the nominee is attending college at the time the award is accepted, since the funds are deposited directly into the student's college or university account for assistance with tuition, books, etc., during the school year. The nominee may only be awarded the scholarship once during the course of their education.**

All nominees must describe in a short essay (250 words, double-spaced) their reflections on the ideals and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and how they have attempted to emulate these qualities in their lives. **All nominations must be received at ACA's headquarters by July 1, 2024.**

Nomination package materials should be submitted in the following order:

1. Nomination form.
2. Proof of acceptance/attendance at an undergraduate program of a four-year college.
3. Proof of financial need. ***(Please give a brief description of the nominee's financial need or attach the last page of their FAFSA loan application).***
4. Proof of academic achievement.
5. Short essay. ***(Please note that your essay is an important part of your nomination package; therefore, it should be original and contain good grammar and punctuation, as well as content, etc. Because of its importance, this essay will count as 30 percent of your overall rating).***

Please limit your nomination package to those five items. Please keep your package concise and organized in this manner to make for an easier review by committee members.

I, _____
(name, address, ACA membership number, email address)

_____ would like to nominate the following person to receive the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award

Name: _____

Biographical information: _____

Please attach additional pages as needed, and return this form to ACA,
Attn: Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award Committee, 206 N. Washington St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.