



We Are Columbia

# Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation

## 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Award



*Recognizing Community Involvement, Social Responsibility and Human Service*

“We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

—*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “The Purpose of Education”*

Winners will be announced at the City of Columbia’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street. Applications must be returned to the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. For more information, please contact Shireese M. Bell, senior public information/community relations specialist, at 803-545-3100 or [smbell@columbiasc.net](mailto:smbell@columbiasc.net).

**Entries should be postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2015**

The Dream Keeper Award was established in 1990 by former Councilman E.W. Cromartie, II. The award recognizes exemplary displays of committed service to the tenets of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence, and unselfish service must be demonstrated voluntarily by the nominee in support of his or her community and fellow citizens.

### **Nomination Criteria**

#### **1. Demonstrated public service**

The nominee must be a resident of the City of Columbia or have provided extraordinary assistance to a resident or agency within the City of Columbia. Through documented work with volunteer work programs, charitable service, and/or leadership roles in community, the nomination letter should include details of the nominee's service.

#### **2. Nominee's effectiveness**

An evaluation of the nominee's effectiveness shall be judged by his or her impact on individuals, groups, or organizations served. The nominee must have demonstrated a constant drive and aspiration to provide support to others in the community for at least 12 months.

#### **3. Documentation**

Nominations must include comprehensive documentation of the candidate's public service contribution. The nomination should include a statement of 150 words or less explaining the nominee's community service activities.

#### **4. Requirements**

The nominee **must** be age 18 or younger and enrolled in school with a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Nominees **must** attend the Martin Luther King Day Celebration hosted by the City of Columbia on Monday, January 19 at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street. Winners will be announced at the ceremony.

**Nominations must be postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2015, in order to be eligible. Nominations can be mailed to:**

City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department  
Attn: Shireese M. Bell  
1111 Parkside Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

**The award recipients will be selected by an impartial host of judges. Scholarship winners will not be selected by City of Columbia staff nor the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation Planning Committee.**

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Cash awards will be presented to the winners.

**High School Scholarships**

1<sup>st</sup> place - **\$1,000**

2<sup>nd</sup> place - **\$500**

3<sup>rd</sup> place - **\$250**

**Middle School and Elementary School - \$100 each**

**Dream Keeper Scholarship Nomination Form**

**Nominee Information**

*PLEASE PRINT*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

There is no fee to enter. A candidate may nominate him or herself or be nominated by someone else. Nominations must a statement of 150 words or less explaining the candidate's volunteer service, most outstanding achievement, and contributions made to his or her community. Please list all memberships in community organizations, honors and awards. The candidate's transcripts and documentation of public service must be attached. The person nominating the candidate must also explain why this candidate should receive the **Dream Keeper Scholarship Award**.

**\*\*Important! Please Read! \*\***

All nominees **must** attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration hosted by the City of Columbia on **Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m.** at Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Name of person nominating candidate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_