



**TOMPKINS COUNTY Office of Human Rights**

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**OPEN TO  
ALL AGES**

**What  
Would  
MLK  
Say Today?**

**POSTER CONTEST**

**Submissions Due: January 9, 2015 12 noon**

**120 W. MLK Street, Ithaca, NY**

# If MLK Was Alive Today What Would He Say?

*What would his message be . . .*

Each year we commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We recall his inspiring words. We remember the passion with which he led the movement for civil rights in this country and around the world. Because of his work, we celebrate our progress toward racial equality.

The **"What Would MLK Say Today?" POSTER CONTEST** is an opportunity for Tompkins County residents of all ages to imagine and express how MLK's timeless strategies for equality can address today's challenges. What would MLK say about climate change or food justice? What would MLK say about immigration or drugs or gun control? Healthcare or technology? What actions would he inspire us to take now?

Artists, young and old, are invited to create a poster expressing what MLK would say about a current social justice issue while relying on his life, words, and deeds for inspiration.

## Contest Guidelines

- Posters must be on 11 X 17 plain or colored paper
- One entry per person
- All Tompkins County residents are encouraged to enter except Human Rights Commission members, Office of Human Rights staff, and volunteer judges
- A completed entry form must accompany submissions and be legible
- Each entry must include a short paragraph answering the question, "Why would MLK be saying this today?" (No more than 50 words)
- Artists may use photography, paint, marker, pencil, or computer graphics
- No collages, wood, plastic, glass, or metal
- No copyrighted characters, photographs and magazine or newspaper illustrations
- All entries must include a written word component
- Poster must be submitted flat, not rolled up
- Poster must not be laminated
- Posters become the property of OHR
- Submissions not meeting the above guidelines will be disqualified

## Judging criteria

Each entry will be judged on the following criteria:

**Originality** of the poster and how the idea is expressed in the design is unique.

**Artistic Quality:** The artwork and its execution is creative.

**Visual Impact:** The artwork is impactful and its composition is balanced.

**Impact of Written Word:** The words used are relevant and reflect the legacy of MLK.

*The judges' decisions are final*

## Important dates

### Submission Deadline:

Friday, January 9th, 2015 by  
12 Noon at OHR Office  
120 W. MLK, Jr. Street, Ithaca

### Winners Announced:

Saturday, January 17th, 2015, at the Annual MLK  
Breakfast at Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)

### Celebration of Winners:

Friday, February 6, 2015, at the  
Tompkins County Public Library

## Age/Award Categories

Children: Ages 5-9

Youth: Ages 10-13

Teen: Ages 14-18

Adult: Ages 19 and up

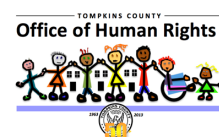
## Awards

### Children and Youth:

1st Place: \$30 gift card/certificate/medal  
2nd Place: \$20 gift card/certificate/medal  
3rd Place: \$15 gift card/certificate/medal

### Teens and Adults:

1st Place: \$250  
2nd Place: \$100  
3rd Place: \$50



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