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Bowie Students Invited to Enter Art Contest Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BOWIE, MD. (Nov. 14) – Every year the City of Bowie hosts an art contest to raise awareness about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 2018 contest is underway and students are encouraged to submit entries on or before the 5 p.m. deadline on December 4, 2017.

The contest is a fun and informative way for students to learn more about Dr. King. This year's theme is "Freedom: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Students who live within the municipal limits of Bowie (including home schooled students) or students who attend an eligible school in Bowie can participate in the contest. The complete list of eligible schools is available at www.cityofbowie.org/MLK.

There are three different categories within the contest, depending on the grade of the entrant. Students in kindergarten through second grade are invited to participate in a coloring contest. They must color all elements of the coloring sheet, which has been sent to all Bowie schools and is available on the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/mlk. First place in the coloring contest will receive \$75, second place will receive \$50, and third place will receive \$25.

Students in grades three through five can compete in the poster category. Crayons, markers, paints, pencils, or a similar medium may be used to create a poster on paper that is between 8 ½ x 11 and 12 by 18 inches. No collages and computer artwork will be accepted for this contest. To be considered, contestants must submit a poster, a written description of their poster, and an entry form. First place in the poster contest will receive \$100, second place will receive \$75, and third place will receive \$50.

Students in grades six through twelve are eligible to participate in a video contest. Each video must be less than 90 seconds in length and must be the student's original footage and work. It can include photos, drawings, collages, people and more. Contestants must submit a video entry, a written description of the video, and an entry form. First place in the video contest will receive \$150, second place will receive \$125, and third place will receive \$100.

Contest finalists will be chosen by the Bowie Diversity Committee soon after the contest deadline and the finalists will be featured at the City's Martin Luther King Program on January 13, 2018.

For more information and details about the contest, visit www.cityofbowie.org/MLK.

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