

## Prizes

Two winners will be determined in each category. Cash or gift cards will be awarded.

K-1: First \$25, Second \$20

2-3: First \$30, Second \$25

4-5: First \$50, Second \$30

6-8: First \$75, Second \$50

9-12: First \$100, Second \$75

**Announcement of Winners** will be made on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the MLK March and Program. Winning essays and posters may be displayed at the Brazos Valley African American Museum.

## Publication Permission

By entering this contest, students and their parents give permission for their entries to be formatted and/or printed and displayed, as well as to be distributed to the community and media.

## Deadline:

All entries must be received (mailed, delivered, emailed) by **Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 4pm** to:

Brazos Valley African Museum, 500 E. Pruitt St, Bryan, TX 77803 or

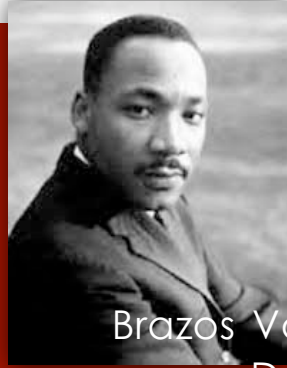
Lincoln Recreation Center 1000 Eleanor St., College Station, TX (Accepted on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> only)

**For more information contact:** BVAA Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at [www.bvaadst.com](http://www.bvaadst.com)

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# 2017 MLK ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by:  
Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. &  
Brazos Valley African American Museum

This contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in private, home, and parochial schools of the Brazos Valley. The intent is to provide all students with an opportunity to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his message and his work, give students opportunity to reflect on our present and the future in light of Dr. King's message; and encourage continued study through awards and recognition.

## THEMES & CRITERIA

### K-5th Grade

#### "How Can I Create Peace & Unity In My Community"

**K-1:** at least two complete sentences and poster

**2-3:** at least five complete sentences and poster

**4-5:** at least ten complete sentences and poster

K-5 essays can be handwritten or typed

Posters: Use pencils, crayons, paints, markers, Posters must reference theme, be white and **no larger than 12"x18"**. No email entries accepted.



### 6th-12th Grade

Interpret the following quotation by Dr. King,

**"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."** from "What is a Man" speech, August 1959. OR

#### Why is it significant to preserve African American history?

**6-8:** 300-500 word essay

**9-12:** 500-750 word essay

Essays: Must be typed, double spaced on white 8.5x11 paper, numbered paper. No posters for 6-12. Email entries to [mlkcontest@bvaadst.com](mailto:mlkcontest@bvaadst.com).

Each entry **Must** include a **Title Page** containing the following information:

- 0 The Title for grade category entered
- 0 Student name, grade, teacher and school, or program name and coordinator
- 0 Parent/Guardian name, contact phone number, and email for notification



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has more than 900 chapters worldwide and has initiated over 250,000 members. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs. The Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter celebrates 30 years of serving the community.