



# City of Fall River Massachusetts

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## **Mayor Paul Coogan Announces MLK Jr. Essay & Art Contest for Fall River Students**

**(FALL RIVER, MA- December 27th, 2021)**- Mayor Paul Coogan, in partnership with the Fall River Diversity Committee, has announced the “Words with Martin” MLK Jr. Essay & Art Contest. The contest is run in partnership with Bristol Community College, who will be highlighting student work during their annual MLK Week. All students in grades K-12 who live or attend school in Fall River are eligible to enter a submission.

Students must enter a drawing or an essay, depending on their age, that answers the following question: “If you had the chance to meet Martin Luther King Jr, what would you talk about?” The categories are:

- Elementary School (grades K-5): Drawing or poster
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12): Essay, poem or audio (such as a podcast, spoken word or song)

Entries are due by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Work can be submitted through the student’s school or by using the drop box at City Hall. Submissions must include the student's name, grade and school as well as a name and phone number for a parent/guardian. Amazon gift cards will be given as prizes for the 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75) and 3rd (\$50) place winners of each age category.

For more details, visit the Facebook page at <https://fb.me/e/10b5TP9oT> or contact Mayor Coogan’s office at 508-324-2600.