2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Poem, Song or Rap Contest

THEME
Celebrating the Unsung Soldiers of Civil Rights

ENTRIES SUBMITTED SHOULD REFLECT

- An understanding and appreciation of the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (his life, achievements and aspirations);
- Clarity and originality of written and artistic expression;
- The assignment is to write a poem, song or rap creatively sharing your thoughts Celebrating the Unsung Soldiers of Civil Rights, and
- Adherence to the theme should include:
  - Identifying an Unsung Soldier - National, State or Local
  - Why She/He warrants recognition
- Students may write a poem, song or rap addressing the above.

POEM, SONG OR RAP CONTEST

- Students are encouraged to submit (email) electronic entries to:
  human-rights.administration@montgomerycountymd.gov
  - Entries must be 150 words or less.
  - On a separate cover, please list the student’s name, school, grade, teacher’s name and teacher’s email.
- All entries must be received NO LATER THAN MONDAY DECEMBER 20, 2021.
- Entries submitted by the schools will be scored by the Awards Committee at the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee. Winners from throughout the County may be invited to read and record their poem, song or rap receive an award from the Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich as part of the county-wide celebration on Monday, January 17, 2022.

For MCPS Student Submission (Do not submit via email):
Each student must complete an online registration (LINK—Only accessible with an official MCPS student account).

Learn How to Earn up to 3 SSL Hours

Students may earn 1 SSL hour for a quality submission that meets the above criteria and reflects thoughtful, insightful, and meaningful work. If the poem, song or rap is chosen to be a part of the celebration, students will receive an additional 1 SSL hour. Receive 1 SSL hour for attending or viewing the live stream program.