



2009 Martin Luther King, Jr.

Poetry Contest November 5 - December 5, 2008

Send all entries to by December 5, 2008:
2008 MLK, JR. Poetry Contest
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee
161 W. Wisconsin Avenue; Suite 4000
Milwaukee, WI 53203

THEME:

*Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter.*

Poetry Contest Rules

1. Please submit an Original Poem based on the theme with cover sheet.
2. Poem must be no longer than 350 words and two (2) minutes when read aloud.
3. **Deadline for submission is December 5, 2008.**
4. The top five winners in each age category will be selected based on how well the poem reflects the theme and notified by December 18.
5. **A read-off in each category will occur between December 19 and December 29th – date to be confirmed.**
6. The top three finalists in each category will present their poems on the radio and the winner will be determined based on community votes plus results from the read-off.
7. The winner in each age category will be expected to present the winning entry at the 2009 MLK Breakfast on **January 19.**
8. Winners will receive a \$100 US Savings Bond.
9. Winners plus two guests will be invited to attend the 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 19, 2009 sponsored by the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee.
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Title of Poem: _____

Submitted by: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Age: _____

Parent /Guardian Name: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please select one:

Age: _____ 5- 9 _____ 10-13 _____ 14-18