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MLK, Jr. Commemoration Society to award \$12,000 in scholarships, encourages students to apply by May 5

TULSA, March 13, 2023 – The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Society will be awarding \$12,000 in scholarships to seven Tulsa-area students enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution – a college, university, or vocational technical school – for the 2023-2024 academic year. The scholarships are an annual community outreach activity associated with the Tulsa MLK Parade. This year's parade on January 16, 2022, was the 44th anniversary of the event.

Seven scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- \$3,500 – Servant Leader
- \$2,500 – Change Maker
- \$1,500 – Mountain of Hope
- \$1,500 – Drum Major of Justice; and
- \$1,000 – Beloved Community (3 scholarships).

The scholarship application is available at <https://www.mlktulsa.com>. Applications will be evaluated by an independent panel, with final selections made by the MLK Commemoration Society Board of Directors based upon the following criteria:

- Academic Achievement: based on the student's official transcript and grade point average;
- Leadership & Accomplishments: participation in extracurricular activities, honors and awards;
- Work/Volunteer experience;
- Community Involvement; and
- Essay (350-750 words) related to Dr. King's final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" and the student's perceptions of the tools used by Dr. King to effect change.

The application deadline is May 5, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2023. Scholarships will be distributed after the MLK Commemoration Society has received validation of the applicant's enrollment in a post-secondary education institution. The deadline for post-secondary educational institution enrollment is August 1, 2023, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Completed application forms may be emailed to mlktulsa@gmail.com or mailed to: MLK Commemoration Society,

Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 14025, Tulsa, OK 74159-1025. The postmark deadline for submission is May 5, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For more information, visit www.mlktulsa.com. For question, please contact Emonica Reagan-Neeley at 918.594-8234.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Society, Inc. is a Tulsa, Oklahoma-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on honoring and preserving the works and ideals that Dr. King practiced. The society has provided programming, leadership development, civic engagement and opportunities for artistic expression involving more than 20,000 boys and girls in Tulsa County and the surrounding area since it was founded in 1978. The Society has awarded \$120,000 in scholarships over the past three decades to local high school graduates aspiring to achieve Dr. King's dream.

Each year, over 100 entries participate in the Tulsa MLK Parade with themed floats, music and marchers. Thousands of people attend the parade that begins at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and John Hope Franklin and meanders through historic Greenwood Avenue to Archer.

For more information, visit www.mlktulsa.com, call 918-492-9495 or email at mlktulsa@gmail.com.

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