Eligibility: Open to enrolled Moreno Valley College students

Length of Speech: 5 minutes

Typed Speech Due: Friday, November 18, by 3 pm

Format: Please write the speech as you plan to present it orally.

Submit your typed speech in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Include a cover page with your speech title, name, phone number (include area code), e-mail, and a 150- to 250-word personal biography.

Submit typed speeches and cover page to: specialevents@mvc.edu.

Notification: November 23
Finalists will compete before a panel of judges

Prize: $500 scholarship

For assistance contact specialevents@mvc.edu or call (951) 571-6274

SPEECH PROMPT

During nearly a ten-year period, between 1958 and 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. drafted, revised, and delivered various versions of the sermon A Knock at Midnight. In the sermon, he counseled the church on its role in the community and called for its membership to serve as the “conscience of the state” and “never its tool.” He drew on the biblical parable in Luke 11:5-6 (RSV): “Which of you has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him?' ” The friend's response to the traveler was “Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.”

Dr. King used the image of “midnight” to characterize the “darkness” of the social and moral order of the world in which he and others lived in the 1950s and 1960s. He suggested that the question posed in the parable served as a way for the nation to examine social problems related to the “racial crisis” and civil rights issues at that time. In particular, he noted that the youth who “knock[ed]” on the church’s doors at “midnight” were “perplexed by the uncertainties of life, confused by daily disappointments, and disillusioned by the ambiguities of history. . . . “ “We must,” Dr. King added, “provide them with the fresh bread of hope . . . .” “The weary traveler,” he continued, “by midnight who asks for bread is really seeking the dawn.”

Moreno Valley College invites students enrolled in Moreno Valley College, to submit a speech with a chance to win a $500 scholarship. The speech should reflect that the student has critically read Dr. King’s sermon A Knock at Midnight to respond to the following statement:

Many of the social issues that Dr. King outlined in his sermon during the late 1950s and 1960s still exist today. In a 1,000 to 1,500 word speech, briefly analyze an example of “midnight in the social order” that existed then and still exists now. To enable members of your community who are “seeking the dawn,” what are you doing or planning to do to answer the “knock at midnight?”

In order to receive the $500 scholarship, winner must deliver their speech on Friday, January 13, 2017 during the MLK breakfast, which begins at 7:30 am at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center, 14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

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RULES

1. Moreno Valley College invites students enrolled in Moreno Valley College to submit a thoughtful, original, and prepared speech. The speech should reflect that the student has critically read Dr. King's sermon, A Knock at Midnight, to respond to the following statement:

   Many of the social issues that Dr. King outlined in his sermon during the late 1950s and 1960s still exist today. In a five minute speech, briefly analyze an example of "midnight in the social order" that existed then and still exists now. To enable members of your community who are "seeking the dawn," describe what are you doing or planning to do to answer the "knock at midnight?"

   Contestants may wish to focus their discussion on one or more specific issues addressed by Dr. King in the sermon.

2. Criteria for Submission:
   - Eligibility: Currently enrolled Moreno Valley College students
   - Speech Length: Five minutes
   - Prize: $500 awarded to the winner
   - Deadline: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016, AT 3 PM

3. All entries require a completed registration form, 150- to 250-word biography (in third person), and a completed and signed photo/video release form.

4. THE NAME OF THE STUDENT SHOULD NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE ON THE SPEECH.

5. Include your student identification number and place the page number on the top-right-hand corner of each page.

6. If you use primary or secondary sources in the speech, then the written speech should reveal your familiarity with research documentation methods, such as those identified by the Modern Language Association (MLA) or by the American Psychological Association (APA). You will also need to verbally cite the research within their oral presentation of the speech.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SPEECH FOR CONSIDERATION

Note: In order to be considered for the next round of the speech competition, you must submit a copy of your speech in adherence with the guidelines stated herein.

By mail: (postmarks will not be accepted)
Attention: Student Services/MLK Committee, Dean Eugenia Vincent, Moreno Valley College, 16130 Lasselle Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92551

In-person:
Moreno Valley College, Admissions and Records Office, Second Floor Student Services Building, 16130 Lasselle Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92551

By E-mail:
specialevents@mvc.edu (BE SURE TO INCLUDE MLK SPEECH SUBMISSION AND YOUR STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE SUBJECT LINE)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Entries must be accompanied by a completed registration form, the video/photo release form, and cover page contact information and 150- to 250-word personal biography. Type or print in blue or black ink.

Are you a currently enrolled Moreno Valley College student? _____ yes _____ no

How did you hear about this contest?

___ Poster/Flyer     ___ E-mail     ___ Instructor     ___ Staff     ___ Class announcement     ___ Other

Name: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________  MI

Student ID: __________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________  State: ____________________________  Zip Code: ____________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________

Phone: (_________)_____________________________  Alt. Number: (______)_____________________________

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Please include a 150- to 250-word biographical statement.

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Signature:_____________________________________________  Date:__________________________
Photo/Video Release Form

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I have read the information and understand it.

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Print Minor Child’s Name _______________________________________________________________

Signature of Participant ___________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature for minor _______________________________________________________

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