



Bridging the Gap Center for the Arts
Cultivating Artists and Enhancing Voices

MILK *ART* CONTEST

THEME: "KEEP MOVING FORWARD"

*"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk,
if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you
have to keep moving forward."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**SUBMISSIONS DUE:
DECEMBER 19, 2025 @ 5 PM**

**ART CONTEST FOR LEE COUNTY
STUDENTS GRADES K - 12**

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Weekend - Youth Art Contest

Three Divisions: K-5th, 6-8th & 9-12th Grades

WHAT: An art competition for Lee County students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Dr. King faced incredible challenges in his fight for justice, yet he never gave up. His words remind us that progress comes in many forms—whether you're flying ahead with confidence, walking steadily, or even crawling through challenges, what matters most is that you don't stop moving forward. Let this message guide your imagination as you bring your own vision of resilience, determination, and hope to life through art.

We're asking students to illustrate what the theme means to them. Illustrations can be completed in paint, ink, pencil, colored pencil, mixed media, digital media or crayon on an 8 ½ x 11 and no larger than 11x17 poster/paper (Please do not fold paper)

WHO: This contest is hosted by Bridging the Gap Center for the Arts in partnership with the Dunbar Festival Committee, Lee County School District, Alliance for the Arts, Lee County Public Library and Lee County Black History Society.

WHY: To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to have students reflect on King's legacy and how it relates to themselves, their families, their communities or the world.

WHEN: Art entries must be submitted by Friday, December 19th, 2025 at 5 pm.

WHERE: Complete the entry form below and drop off along with your drawing to one of the 4 locations below:

Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers 33919

Lee County Black History Society, 1936 Henderson Ave, Ft. Myers 33916

Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 1st St., Ft. Myers 33901 (Downtown)

Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library, 3095 Blount St, Ft. Myers 33916

PRIZES: 1st Place- \$200 2nd Place- \$150 3rd- \$100

(All submissions will be showcased at the MLK Day Celebration in Centennial Park on January 19th. Awards will be distributed at the park for each division.)

(Tape or paste info to back of artwork)

Student Name: _____ School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Garden Name: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Questions? Call 413-284-2785 or email info@btgart.org.