Recipients 2013

As a professional educator, I have worked in the public school system as a special education teacher for eleven years. As I work to further my knowledge by obtaining a doctorate, the MLK Jr. Scholarship has enabled me to attend a university whose mission is to prepare and develop educational leaders to become change agents in our increasingly diverse society. It is my goal to serve as an educational leader to affect change in policies and organizational systems in order to maximize the educational success and quality of life for diverse learners. I am so very grateful for the leadership and support of CTA and the MLK Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Cathy Creasia
Scholarship Recipient
Member, 2013

As a Sophomore Math Major at the University of La Verne, I understand the hardship college costs can be, which could prevent students from attending their college of choice. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship has allowed me to attend this university to pursue my educational goals and career objectives. As a scholarship recipient, I encourage all students to follow their dreams and find the college that would best meet their needs.

Ashley Johnson
Scholarship Recipient
Dependent, 2013

As a graduate student pursuing my Masters of Science in Instructional Design and Technology, the scholarship has enhanced my graduate studies by allowing me to focus on learning and beginning my thesis for completion in 2014. CTA's financial assistance has inspired me to help others and give back to the community as a future educator.

Ashley Mays
Scholarship Recipient
SCTA, 2013

Scholarship Recipients 2012-13

Melanie Alvarez
Daisy Angeles
Leah Avila
Barbara Bishop
Dallas Bolden
Marilu Bonilla
Mayra Calvo
Haile Canton
Madison Cho
Ian Couture
Cathy Creasia
Ashlee Evonc
Susan Go
Mary Gomez
Meghan Gressel
Mariah Houston
Ashley Johnson
Corina Johnson
Michelle Lopez
Ashley Mays
Marissa Pina
Lisa Powell
Kathy Ramirez

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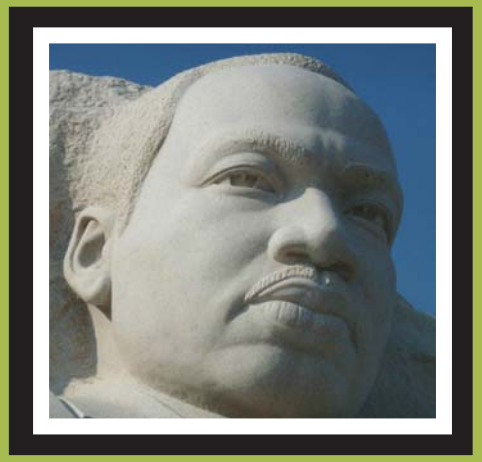

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

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Goal

CTA recognizes the shortage of ethnic minority teachers in California.

Total ethnic minority students – 74.0%
Total ethnic minority teachers – 29.6%

Source: 2011-13 California Dept. of Education

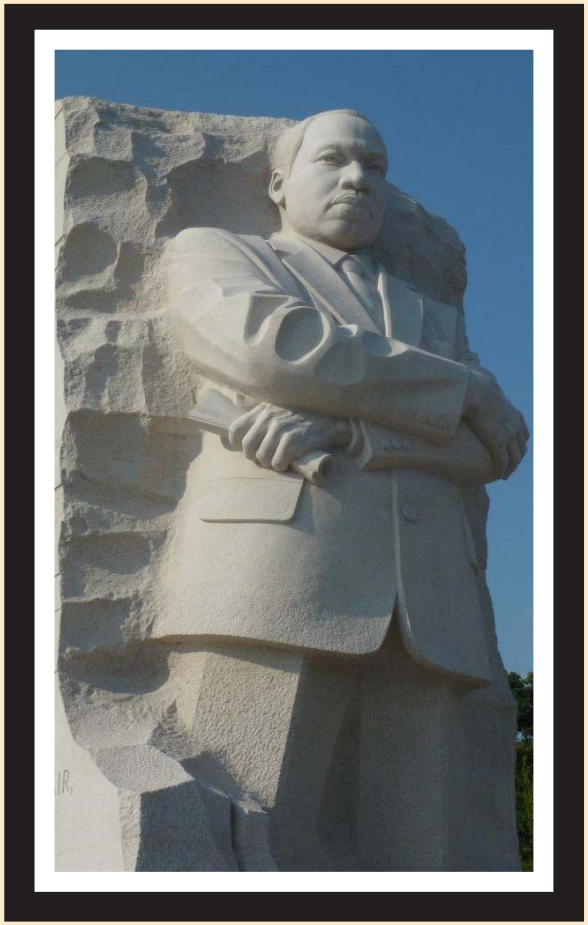
The goal of the fund is to encourage ethnic minority students to become educators and to promote professional growth for ethnic minority teachers and paraprofessionals.

Fund

This scholarship is supported by voluntary contributions from the CTA membership and the CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning. Scholarships vary each year depending on the amount of contributions and on the financial need of individual applicants. Past recipients have received up to $6,000.

Priority consideration will be given out to those who have not previously received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Scholarship funds must be used for education-related expenses only.



Eligibility

In order to be eligible, an applicant must be pursuing a teaching-related career in public education and be a member of a defined ethnic minority group.

Applicants must also be:

- An active member of CTA, or
- A dependent child of an active, retired, or deceased CTA member, or
- An active member of Student CTA (SCTA)

In order to receive the scholarship, the active SCTA member must:

- Reside in California
- Maintain membership at the time of scholarship disbursement

Applications

Scholarship application forms are available online at www.cta.org/scholarships in October of each year and can also be obtained from the CTA Human Rights Department.

Contribute To A Living Memorial

Any member or chapter may designate a memorial contribution to the CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. The bereaved is sent a notice which acknowledges a contribution to the fund in memory of the deceased and naming the donor. The contributor receives a receipt for use in preparing income tax deduction claims. Additional contributions may be made in honor of individuals and their achievements.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by Friday, February 21, 2014.

Documents that are received via fax will not be accepted. Scholarship recipients are announced in May.