



Date: October 31, 2019

To: Chapter Presidents

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From: E. Toby Boyd, CTA President

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Re: 2019-20 CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The California Teachers Association is excited to announce the twenty-sixth anniversary of the CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

January 15, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., signals the "kick-off" of the **CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship.** As in the past, we are asking the entire CTA family to participate in this important organizational program.

After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, CTA and Student CTA (SCTA) established a living memorial in the form of a scholarship fund to aid members of ethnic minorities in pursuing a degree, credential or certification for a **teaching-related career in public education**.

The program is designed to assist ethnic minority CTA members and/or their dependent children. Ethnic minority Student CTA members are also eligible for this scholarship.

We are all keenly aware of the drastic shortage of ethnic minority educators in California. The CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund is an important component in recruiting more ethnic minority educators into our profession.

Online applications are available on the CTA website at: cta.org/scholarships.

Applications must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m., on Friday, February 14, 2020.

The scholarship fund is supported by <u>voluntary contributions</u> from the CTA membership and CTA Foundation for Teaching and Learning. Based on your efforts last year, the fund issued five \$6,000 scholarships, eighteen \$2,500 scholarships and ten \$1,500 scholarships. Contributors to any of the following categories receive a certificate in recognition of their donation:

Patron Chapter 100% Chapter Participation (\$1.00 per member)

Benefactor \$250.00 or more donation

Sponsor \$100.00 or more donation

Contributor \$50.00 or more

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January 20, 2020 is designated as a national holiday honoring Dr. King. We recommend that chapter leaders use this time to plan special chapter activities to commemorate the "King Legacy," as well as to "kick-off" local efforts to assist our Memorial Scholarship Fund campaign. Contributions should be made payable to:

CTA Foundation (In the check memo line, indicate Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund)

Human Rights Department Attention: Janeya Dawson P.O. Box 921 Burlingame, California 94011-0921

We encourage your active participation and support of this program. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Janeya Dawson at (650) 552-5446.

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Enclosures

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