



2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Community Service Award

An integral part of the University of Central Missouri’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is the presentation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Community Service Award.

These awards are presented jointly by the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the UCM Center for Multiculturalism and Inclusivity. The 2025 awards will be presented **Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026**, at the Chamber’s MLK Community Service Awards luncheon at **First United Methodist Church, 141 E Gay Street** in Warrensburg.

Nominees for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Community Service Award must be a student currently enrolled in a high school in Johnson County, MO, and should possess one or all of these qualities:

Humanitarianism: Exhibiting the ethics of kindness, benevolence and sympathy extended impartially to all human beings by improving the quality of life of individuals or groups through actions that promote ethical standards for social reform and a demonstrated commitment to humanitarian activities and philanthropic endeavors.

Leadership: Evidence of actions that have led ethnically diverse groups toward a common goal that promotes positive change in the community and creates a sense of unity in a diverse community or organization.

Service: Selfless involvement in activities that provide a necessary service to a community or group of individuals.

Recipients of the award will be selected at the discretion of the awards selection committee, based upon information provided with the submitted nomination. Recipients will be notified and be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce and UCM at the luncheon. **Nominators must confirm that nominees will be able to attend the luncheon if selected to receive the award.** Media coverage of the event will be provided.

Nominations may be submitted:

- by using the attached form and 1) mailing it to Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Holden, Warrensburg, MO 64093; 2) emailing it to kdavenport@warrensburg.org or 3) faxing it to 660-429-5490, attention Kelly Davenport.

More information, including a list of past award recipients, is at ucmo.edu/mlk. Please submit nominations by **Friday, Dec. 12, 2025**.

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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Name of High School _____

City of High School _____

Year in School of Nominee _____

Name of Nominee's parent(s)/guardian _____

Address of Nominee's parent(s)/guardian _____

Name of Nominator _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please include below or attach a statement with the qualifications of the student being nominated. **Cite any or all of the qualities described, as they apply to your nomination, in detail. Please be specific regarding actions by the nominee that qualify that student for nomination.** Attach additional pages if needed.

Nominees and nominators will be notified of the selection of the recipient. Please submit all nominations by **Friday, Dec. 12, 2025.**