



KISHWAUKEE  
COLLEGE

## 2026 GANDHI/KING PEACE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

WIN A \$500 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SPRING 2026 SEMESTER

Kishwaukee College and the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) are sponsoring the Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship Contest for community college students who best articulate the peaceful messages of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Kish's winning entry will be entered into the statewide ICCTA competition.

### AWARDS

- **From Kishwaukee College:** The Kish winner will receive a \$500 Spring 2026 tuition reimbursement. The Kish winner will be recognized at the Kish Board of Trustees at 4 pm Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The winning entry will also be published on the Kish website.
- **From ICCTA:** The state winner will receive a \$750 cash stipend for educational expenses during the Fall 2026 semester. The state winner will be invited to the ICCTA annual awards banquet Friday, June 5, 2026, in Lombard.

### WRITING PROMPT

Both Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., advocated for nonviolence as the way to confront the hate and discrimination that so often accompanies the disrespect of other human beings. The work and words of Gandhi and King are both an example and a road map for the way forward for our country. As a community college student, outline a plan that will educate the members of your college community about the scope of the problem and the elements of and rationale for a nonviolent response. In the description of your plan, draw on the lives and writings of Gandhi and King.

Each entry will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated understanding of the significance of the work of Gandhi and King
- Content, strength and persuasiveness of argument
- Personal goals and involvement in peacebuilding efforts
- Writing style, clarity of expression, and correct grammar and punctuation

### GUIDELINES

1. Each submission must be no longer than 500 words in length, typed single-spaced in business-letter format.
2. Official entry form must be completed and attached to submission.
3. Submit to Kishwaukee College Marketing & Public Relations electronically at [bherrmann3@kish.edu](mailto:bherrmann3@kish.edu) by 4 pm Friday, Feb. 27, 2026.
4. The Kish winner is asked to be present for the recognition and award at the Kish Board of Trustees meeting at 4 pm Tuesday, April 14, 2026.
5. The contest is open to currently enrolled part-time or full-time Illinois community college students.
6. Previous Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship Contest winners are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to new applicants.

# Kishwaukee College and ICCTA 2026 Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship Contest

## Entry Form

Please attach this form to your typed, single-spaced, business-letter formatted entry and submit it electronically to Marketing & Public Relations at [bherrmann3@kish.edu](mailto:bherrmann3@kish.edu) by 4 pm Friday, Feb. 27, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Community College \_\_\_\_\_ Kishwaukee College \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I give Kishwaukee College permission to publish my entry.

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

I attest that I have not used artificial intelligence (AI) to generate this essay submission and submit this entry as an original work, assuming full responsibility.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_