



The Atlanta Dream will host its annual “I Have a Dream” essay contest beginning **Wednesday, December 20th**, to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Atlanta-area students are asked to submit 300-500 word essays expressing their dream job or dream college.

The contest, which will run until **Monday, January 29th**, will be judged by a panel including Atlanta Dream president, Theresa Wenzel, to choose contest winners in three categories – **Elementary, Middle School and High School**. Each winner will receive tickets to the first 2018 Dream game, be recognized in game and will receive a school visit from the franchise. The High School winner, one boy and one girl, will also be eligible to receive a \$250 scholarship from the Atlanta Dream Youth Foundation.

Entering its historic **11th** season, the Atlanta Dream has been connected to Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech from the very beginning. The original Circle of Friends, a group that led to the founding of the organization, took the speech in to consideration when naming the franchise.

Essay Contest Details:

- Every essay should start with “I have a dream....” From that point, it is up to the student to express his or her dream in 300-500 words. In one paragraph, the student should describe if money wasn’t an issue what your dream job or dream college would be.
- The essay submission should be submitted as an attachment and sent to JrDream@atlantadream.net no later than **January 29, 2018**. All documents should include the student’s first and last name, school, grade, teacher and guardian contact info.
- A panel of judges including the president of the Atlanta Dream, Theresa Wenzel, will review the essays and select the winners. Winners will be notified in February.
- All participants receive a buy one get one free ticket voucher in the Jr. Dream section to the 2018 Home opener and enrolled as a Jr. Dream member.

- Two winners (one girl and one boy) will be selected from elementary, middle, and high school equaling (6) total winners. The (6) winners will be recognized on the court during the home opener. We will share more details when we solidify the game logistics. We will also draw names from all finalists and award them with tickets and prizes.
- Winners will receive the following:
 - Elementary school: A visit from the Atlanta Dream and tickets to the 2018 Home opener.
 - Middle school: A visit from the Atlanta Dream and tickets to the 2018 Home opener.
 - High school: A \$250 scholarship from the Atlanta Dream Youth Foundation and tickets to the 2018 Home opener.

Contest Timeline:

- Submission due date: **January 29, 2018**
- Winners notified: **February 12, 2018**

<http://dream.wnba.com/news/dream-tip-off-annual-dream-essay-contest/>

For questions contact JrDream@AtlantaDream.net or call 404-920-2541.