

Many Faces of Markham 2021

Theme - Working Together to Confront Anti-Black Racism

Contest Information

New! Deadline extended to May 7, 2021.

The City of Markham is committed to being a diverse and inclusive city where everyone feels welcome and a sense of belonging. A city where everyone feels they can live their best life.

The Many Faces of Markham contest is an annual initiative sponsored by the City of Markham's Race Relations Committee. This initiative supports the annual United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, 2021. It engages the community's children and youth to reflect on, and speak out against, all forms of racism to foster a community characterized by values of inclusion, belonging, equity and kindness. This year, due to COVID-19, there will not be any in person components to the contest.

Who can enter the contest?

- The contest is open to students who live in Markham, from kindergarten to Grade 12, by submitting writing (essay or poetry), art, video or spoken word.

Why participate in the contest?

- Show your support as a resident of Markham - as an individual, a family, a community, a school, or a community organization - for unity, diversity and inclusion, and human rights and ensure that everyone is free from racism in the City of Markham.
- Show your support for confronting anti-Black racism.
- Opportunity for children and youth to voice their opinions and ideas, generate discussion and promote greater understanding about racism and the impact of racism, while being recognized for their work.
- Alignment with school board goals and objectives with respect to equity and inclusivity.

How do I enter?

- To participate in this contest, both sides of the 2021 Many Faces of Markham Contest Application, Consent and Release Form must be completed and submitted to Sandra Allen (City of Markham) at sallen@markham.ca by **Friday, May 7, 2021**.
- Submissions in support of the theme "Working Together to Confront Anti-Black Racism" can be made in the following formats: writing in essay or poetry format; video; artwork; spoken word. All entries must be submitted in an electronic form (pdf or jpeg of artwork, Word document, or mp3 file) accompanied by the completed 2021 Many Faces of Markham Contest Application, Consent and Release Form.
- Writing should be one page maximum for K to Grade 8, and up to two pages maximum for Grades 9 to 12. Videos should not be longer than 90 seconds.
- Multiple entries are permitted.

When and how will winning students be informed?

- Winners will be notified in late May or early June through their school, community organization or directly (based on information provided in the application form).
- Each winner will receive a certificate and letter signed by Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.



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Who do I contact for help?

- Sandra Allen, Human Resources Department, sallen@markham.ca or 905.477.7000 extension 2410.
- For assistance in multiple languages, call the Contact Centre between 8 AM to 5 PM at 905.477.5530.