

# My Talents

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Martin Luther King Jr. taught us that the actions a person makes can be powerful. When using your talents for others you can achieve great things. Everything you do makes an impact, so I want to share my talents to help those around me. My talents can create a better surrounding community.

One of my favorite talents is singing. I can sing for my church in the choir like I do every Wednesday. I could also sing for my family on special occasions like Christmas or a birthday, for my friends, and for my neighborhood. Singing makes me feel a strange sense of comfort and joy, and I wish to share that feeling with those around me. I could also teach other people who want to learn to sing. I also play a bit of piano and could play the piano for others. Music is a special passion I wish to share.

I am fond of gardening and taking care of small plants. I could start a community garden so my neighborhood and I could take care of flowers, fruits, vegetables, and different kinds of plants. All of us together could make use of these vegetables and other plants for food and flowers as gifts for a family member or friend or for a special occasion. We could also grow herbs for medicines and foods. Some herbs like garlic and linseed are said to possibly lower cholesterol from ongoing studies. I wish to make my community better with easily accessible plants.

I like to read in my free time at school, my home, and many other places. I could teach the children in my neighborhood the basics of reading and I could read at my local library for others. Reading is good for people because it improves memory, focus, and communication.

Reading also helps people learn new concepts, so I would like to teach others to read so they might have a good future. I wish to share this gift of reading with many others around me.

Another one of my many talents is math. I want to tutor those who have difficulties with math. Math increases your problem-solving skills, figuring out how much of something you have or need, and encourages logical reasoning. Math also plays a role in understanding science, social studies, art, and even music. Many things in the world require the use of math and without the knowledge that comes from math, you may make mistakes and never know how to fix them. I wish to help form the futures of those I tutor, so they may lead a favorable lifestyle.

As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't need a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr. also said, "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'" I want to serve others with the talents I have and do the best I can at what I choose to do.