

Holocaust Writing & Art Contest

Scoring Rubric

Eligible Participants: 6-12th grade students

Submission Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2019 at 11:59pm CST

Prompt: Each entry must be based on the testimony of a Holocaust survivor. Video testimonies of local, Wisconsin Holocaust survivors can be viewed at: [HolocaustCenterMilwaukee.org/Video-Archive](https://holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/video-archive) Students who have had the opportunity to hear from or interview a Holocaust survivor in person may respond to that experience instead.

To enter the contest, create a piece of writing or artwork that reflects a personal engagement with the survivor testimony you have selected. Choose one of the following prompts:

- What did you learn from your experience of the testimony?
- How would you recreate the testimony in a creative art form?
- What is the importance of this testimony for our world?

Format: Original writing or art entry may be one of the following:

- Essay
- Poetry (single poem or collection of poems, not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced)
- Short story
- Film/video (maximum length: 5 minutes)
- Visual art (painting, drawing, collage, etc.)
- Sculpture

All works must be submitted digitally. Other than poetry, entries are limited to a single object (sculpture entries may include up to four images from different angles).

Artist's Statement: All entries must include an artist's statement, 50-200 words, in which you identify your artistic process and the takeaway you would like the audience to have.

Judging Criteria: Each entry will be judged with the following criteria in mind and using [this scoring rubric](#):

- • References a specific memory from the survivor's or rescuer's testimony
- • Includes details that support the meaning and message that is conveyed in the survivor's testimony
- • Presents accurate historical facts
- • Reflects artistry and skill
- • Demonstrates originality and creative representation of the theme

Prizes: There will be 4 grand prize winners, one in the writing category and one in the art category, for each of the two grade divisions (middle and high school). These 4 grand prize winners will be taken to Washington DC where they will visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Teachers of the 4 grand prize winners will receive a \$100 gift.

All winners will be featured on the website of the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center and selected pieces will be included in an exhibit at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center in Spring 2019.

Instructions: Email contest submissions to Contest@JCCMilwaukee.org by Monday, April 1, 2019 at 11:59pm CST with the following 3 attached files:

- Completed and scanned [cover sheet](#)
- Artist's statement
- Original writing or art entry

More Information: Contact Brittany Hager McNeely, Director of Education at the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center at 414-963-2714 or BrittanyH@MilwaukeeJewish.org