

Holocaust Writing & Art Contest Guidelines

Eligible Participants: 7-12th grade students

Submission Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2020 at 11:59pm CST

Prompt: What is the most important lesson from the Holocaust for us to learn today, in 2019/2020? In responding to the prompt, draw on specific examples from Holocaust history about events, survivors, or rescuers. Video testimonies of local, Wisconsin Holocaust survivors can be viewed [here](#). Students who have had the opportunity to hear from or interview a Holocaust survivor in person may also refer to that experience.

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](#):

- Offers a clear lesson from the Holocaust and connects it to present day
- 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 presented at the 2020 Community Yom HaShoah, to take place on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 3pm at the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC.

Instructions: Email contest submissions to Contest@JCCMilwaukee.org by Monday, March 2, 2020 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 Dan Haumschild Ph.D., Director of Education at the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center at 414-963-2726 or danh@milwaukeejewish.org