

HOLOCAUST WRITING & ART CONTEST

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Eligible Participants: 7-12th grade students

Submission Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 11:59pm CST

Prompt: As Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Elie Wiesel, once said, “What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander.” The Holocaust occurred in part because everyday people chose not to act, becoming bystanders rather than upstanders. **Choose a lesson or story that inspired you when studying the Holocaust and discuss how it motivated you to be an upstander.**

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

- Essay (not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced)
- 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
- Podcast (maximum length: 5 minutes)
- Blog or social media post (not to exceed 3 pages)

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 using [this scoring rubric](#):

- **Offers a clear lesson from the Holocaust**
- **Presents accurate historical facts**
- **Reflects artistry and skill**
- **Demonstrated 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 Skokie, Illinois where they will visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center.* Teachers of the 6 grand prize winners will receive a \$100 gift.

*Exact dates for this visit will be determined based on recommended health guidelines.

All winners will be featured on the website of the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center and presented at an event that will take place in June.

Instructions: Email content submissions to HolocaustContest@JCCMilwaukee.org by Sunday, May 1, 2022, 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 Sam Goldberg, Director of Education at the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center at 414-963-2724 or samg@milwaukeejewish.org.