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The Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater presents

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THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEACHERS'  
*Excellence*  
AWARDS FOR  
IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION 2021

*I was twenty years old when I visited the concentration camp at Dachau. It changed me, and it continues to haunt me. I kept asking myself, "How could people be so cruel to other human beings?" That question lingers after all these years. I still do not have an answer, but I do have a choice: to teach my students to take a stand against injustice or to remain quiet. My choice is to teach and to foster social responsibility and empathy for our fellow global citizens regardless of their race, gender, or creed. I believe we must lift the shadows of the past and strive to treat people with the dignity they deserve. In remembrance of Elie Wiesel and all those who have been or are being persecuted, let our voices be raised in solidarity and with a renewed and heartfelt effort to the words "Never Again."*

—Marianne McMillin, Oscar Smith High School

Application information on reverse

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# TEACHERS' AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION 2021

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The Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater wishes to honor teachers in Hampton Roads public or private schools who have demonstrated excellence in Holocaust education. Award winners receive:

- A full scholarship, including accommodations if we are back to in person programs, to attend the Alexander Lebenstein Teacher Education Institute at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia, or the Belfer Conference at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.
- A bus for their students to take a field trip to the Virginia Holocaust Museum once field trips are safe again. (Admission is free).
- CASH PRIZES!

*If you have had the opportunity to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, we encourage you to apply.*

## APPLICATION FOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Respond in 300-400 words to one or more of the following:

- Please submit an outline detailing the way(s) in which you prepare and introduce the study of the Holocaust to your class.
- Holocaust studies often have a profound impact on students and their teachers. Please share your experiences.
- Have you worked with other teachers in developing an interdisciplinary unit on the Holocaust? If so, please elaborate.
- If you have participated in a Holocaust conference for educators, please explain how it has helped you teach the lessons of the Holocaust.

## APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

Please include a cover page with your name, school, grade level, position, number of years teaching, address, email, and phone.

Please submit application to:  
United Jewish Federation of Tidewater  
5000 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 200  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Attn: Elena Baum  
Or email your application to:  
[info@holocaustcommission.org](mailto:info@holocaustcommission.org)  
with the subject line: Teacher Award Application

**If you have any questions contact Elena Baum at [info@holocaustcommission.org](mailto:info@holocaustcommission.org) or 757-965-6129.**