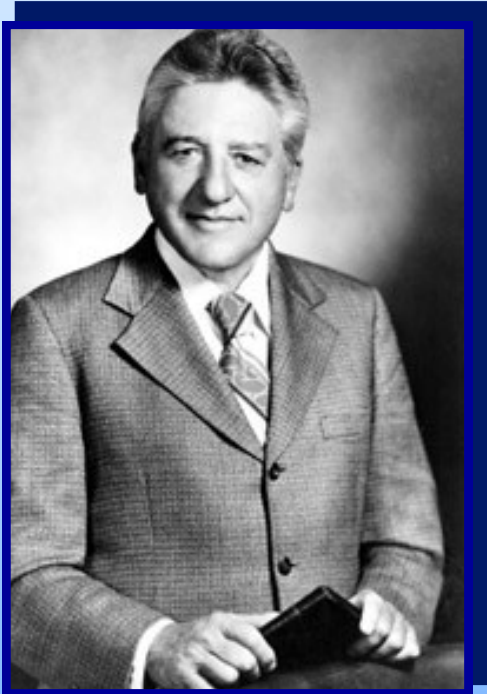




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## **Richard C. Goodwin — Josiah DuBois 25th Annual Humanitarian Award**

*Application 2026*

### **About Josiah DuBois (1912-1983)**

- ◆ Josiah DuBois was born in Camden, and was raised in Woodbury, New Jersey. He was an exceptional student who attended the University of Pennsylvania and became a distinguished attorney.
- ◆ During World War II, DuBois served as Assistant General Counsel in the US Treasury Department working with the Foreign Funds Control. This department worked with the US State Department, which was involved in funding for refugee relief.
- ◆ DuBois discovered information about the Nazis' mass murder of the European Jews (the *Holocaust*). However, the State Department officials were obstructing opportunities to rescue the Jews.
- ◆ DuBois was outraged that messages about the Nazis' "Final Solution" were being ignored. He documented this suppression and brought the evidence to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr.
- ◆ During his investigation of the State Department, DuBois received repeated anonymous threats. Despite this danger, he continued to expose the Department's inaction.
- ◆ Josiah DuBois was a Holocaust hero. He was a whistle-blower who opened the world's eyes to Nazi atrocities.
- ◆ When asked about the motives of his actions, he replied that it was, "just what a human being should do."



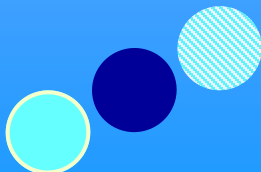
### **DuBois' Mission**

As a result of DuBois' action, a rescue agency, called the War Refugee Board (WRB), was created by President Roosevelt. DuBois was appointed its General Counsel. The WRB accomplished the following:

- Sent Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, to Hungary, where he saved 100,000 Jews
- Encouraged Pope John XXIII to rescue Jewish children
- Created a safe haven for 1,000 Jewish refugees at Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY
- In total, the WRB rescued 200,000 lives from the time of its creation in January 1944 through May 1945
- As an attorney during the subsequent post-war Nuremberg Trials, DuBois was a major prosecutor of the chemical giant, I.G. Farben, which was found guilty of exploiting slave labor

### **The Message**

We must not be bystanders and we must care about fellow human beings. We must be active and speak out when people are being persecuted. In honor and in loving memory of this "Righteous Among the Nations," we must strive to be dedicated, compassionate, forthright, courageous, and kind.



## How to Apply

- ◆ After reading about, and reflecting on the commitment and courage of Josiah DuBois, submit a two page typed essay to show the ways that you volunteer or commit your time to carry out the moral and ethical principles set forth by Josiah DuBois.
- ◆ This should NOT be a mandatory assignment but should be done voluntarily by a student who individually has exemplified a strong personal commitment to community service.
- ◆ Applicant must submit a completed application form **signed** by a faculty member or club advisor (This form must be mailed but essays can be emailed).
- ◆ **Send to:** Esther Raab Holocaust Museum and Goodwin Education Center  
1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
**OR**  
**E-mail** to [hkirschbaum@jfedsnj.org](mailto:hkirschbaum@jfedsnj.org)
- ◆ Questions? Contact Helen Kirschbaum at 856.751.9500 x1249  
[hkirschbaum@jfedsnj.org](mailto:hkirschbaum@jfedsnj.org)

## Award Eligibility

- ◆ Applicant must be a junior or senior in high school (grades 11 or 12). School must be in either Burlington, Camden, or Gloucester County.
- ◆ Applicant must detail club participation or activities which demonstrate commitment to community service.

## Award Details

- ◆ First Place: \$2,000
- ◆ Runners-up: Lesser cash prizes
- ◆ Application Deadline: May 14, 2026
- ◆ Awards will be presented at the Raab/Goodwin Appreciation Event on June 23, 2026

## Quotes from Previous Recipients

“My grandfather’s life was saved because others decided not to be bystanders even in the most horrific of circumstances. You never know how one small act can save a person or an entire world. In order to heal the world, we must all stop being bystanders. The world must unite and radiate DuBois’ moral principles.”

-Joey Ellis, Haddonfield Memorial High School

“Like DuBois, I refuse to remain silent when silence only contributes to the systematic destruction of an entire group of people... My story is not finished. I still have more to say. I still have a suffocating amount of silence to break.”

-Victoria Kalbacher, Cherry Hill High School West

“Like Mr. DuBois, I do not want to be a bystander to life.”

-Charles Castillo, Seneca High School

“Josiah DuBois helped others because he said it was “just what a human being should do”, and I completely agree with that sentiment. Because of my love of service, I have been encouraging others to join my volunteer efforts.”

-Katelyn Darrow, Pitman High School

“DuBois' work demonstrates that it does not matter that you are only just one person; one person is all that is needed to stand up and advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

-Emily Lichtenstadter, Cherry Hill High School East

## RICHARD C. GOODWIN — JOSIAH DUBOIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Student’s Name:

Home Address:

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Email Address:

School Name:

School Address:

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty/Club Advisor’s Name & Title:

Faculty Member’s Phone:

Faculty Member’s Email Address:

Faculty Member’s Signature

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED & MAILED TO:**  
ESTHER RAAB HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND  
GOODWIN EDUCATION CENTER  
1301 SPRINGDALE ROAD  
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003