

ESSAY CONTEST

Share Your Story of Strength. The Greensboro Jewish Federation is excited to invite you to participate in a High School Essay Contest inspired by the film *Eleanor the Great*, presented by the 2026 Triad Jewish Film Festival.



Winner Receives:

\$180 Cash Award

Plus These Festival Perks:

- Three complimentary seats to the *Eleanor the Great* screening on March 4, 2026 at Golden Ticket Cinemas *plus* a moment of recognition before the film—your time to shine!
- Eligible for publication in *Shalom Greensboro Magazine*
- A special shout-out on social media and MYTJFF.com

Essay Prompt:

Resilience in Everyday Life

Eleanor the Great tells a story of finding strength, purpose, and meaning despite life's challenges. Reflect on a moment in your life when resilience made a difference. How did you overcome obstacles, and what did you learn from the experience?

Rules & Guidelines:

Who Can Enter

- Open to ALL Guilford County high school students — one essay per student

Essay Requirements

- Length: 350–500 words; Format: Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font
- Must be your own, original, unpublished writing
- Include at the top of the first page:
Your Name, grade, Instructor's Name, school, email, and phone number

Submission

Send your essay as a PDF or Word document to: nwalters@shalomgreensboro.org

Nichol Walters, Outreach & Engagement Manager, Greensboro Jewish Federation

Email Subject Line: Eleanor the Great Essay Contest - [Your Name]

Deadline

All essays must be submitted by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

The winner will be notified on Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Essays will be evaluated on:

- Insight & Reflection – Depth of thought and meaningful engagement with the theme
- Originality – Your unique voice and perspective
- Clarity & Organization – Logical flow and structure
- Writing Quality – Grammar, style, and coherence



THE TRIAD JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL WELCOMES EVERYONE!

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND TICKETS CAN BE FOUND AT

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