

HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES: 2024 (Grades 9-12)

From Generation to Generation

1. Essay contest open to all high school students in TN and surrounding states.
2. One entry per student.
3. All entries must be typed and double-spaced in 12-point font.
4. Entries may not exceed 600 words.
5. Entries must include name, address, phone number, e-mail address, name of school, teacher's name, and grade.
6. Essays must be electronically submitted to HolocaustEssayMJF@gmail.com by the close of business, **Monday, April 1, 2024**.
7. The essay should explore the following topic: ***From Generation to Generation***
8. When thinking about this topic, you may wish to consider the following:
 - What does it mean to live in the shadow of the Holocaust?
 - If you are not the descendant of a Holocaust survivor, do you have a responsibility to retell the story of the Holocaust?
 - How does the transmission of stories from generation to generation help us retain our shared humanity and responsibility to one another?
 - What is your place in this story and how will you carry it into the future?

Contest entrants may use personal testimony, memoirs, diaries, historical accounts, etc. to explore the experiences during the Holocaust.

Suggested Resources:

[Facing History and Ourselves](#)

[Yad Vashem. The World Holocaust Remembrance Center | www.yadvashem.org |](#)

[United States Holocaust Memorial Museum \(ushmm.org\)](#)

[USC Shoah Foundation / sfi.usc.edu](#)

[Simon Wiesenthal Center](#)

Book:

[Survivors Club](#) by Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat, guest speakers for the Annual Holocaust Commemoration program.

Also available at Novel bookstore, 387 Perkins Extd., Memphis, TN 38117

9. Ideas not your own and/or quotes must be referenced.
10. Judging will be based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, passion, message conveyed, connection to theme, accurate historical detail, and proper use of language.
11. First Place cash prize of \$250; Second Place cash prize of \$125. Gift cards for Honorable Mention. Contest awards provided by the Kaethe Mela Family Memorial Fund of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis. Kaethe, her husband Paul and their 17-year-old daughter Doris, were murdered in Auschwitz.
12. First Place essay will be published in the program booklet for Memphis Jewish Federation's annual community-wide Yom HaShoah/Holocaust observance on **Sunday afternoon May 5, 2024**. All winners will be publicly recognized at the commemoration.
13. Winning essays will be published in print and digital publications.
14. Please direct questions to Carrie Richardson at crichardson@jcpmemphis.org.

