



HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES: 2021 (Grades 9-12)
Rescue: Challenges, Choices & Consequences

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 and grade.
6. Essays must be electronically submitted to HolocaustArtEssay2021@gmail.com by the close of business, **Monday, March 8, 2021**.
7. The essay should explore the following topic: *Rescue: Challenges, Choices & Consequences*
8. When thinking about this topic, you may wish to consider the following: The conflicting emotions of parents sending off their children; Experiences of hidden children; Major rescue efforts like the Kindertransport, Oskar Schindler's factory, and diplomatic efforts like that of Chiune Sugihara; Motivations of rescuers; Personal and collective risks taken by rescuers; Traits or behavioral patterns of rescuers; Rescue activities undertaken by Jews and Jewish organizations; Applicability of Holocaust-era rescue to today's world.
9. **Suggested Resources:** <https://www.facinghistory.org/rescuers>
<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library?search=rescuers%20holocaust>
<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/teaching-schindlers-list/viewing-oskar-schindler-and-making-rescuer>
<https://www.yadvashem.org/holocaust/about/rescue/righteous.html>
<https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/righteous-women/index.asp>;
<https://jfr.org/rescuer-stories/>
<https://www.ushmm.org/collections/bibliography/rescuers>
10. Ideas not your own and/or quotes must be referenced.
11. Judging will be based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, passion, message conveyed, connection to theme, accurate historical detail and proper use of language.
12. 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.
13. First Place essay will be published in the program booklet for Memphis Jewish Federation's annual community-wide Yom HaShoah/Holocaust observance taking



place virtually on **Thursday evening, April 8, 2021**. All winners will be publically recognized at the commemoration.

14. Winning essays will be published in print and digital publications.

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