

2012 HOLOCAUST STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

This contest encourages students to learn about and understand the lessons of the Holocaust, including the nature and repercussions of unchecked hate and prejudice taken to their ultimate extremes. The Holocaust Essay Contest is one of the many venues used to reach students while meeting state mandated educational standards. It is our hope that such an understanding will promote cultural diversity and its acceptance.

ESSAY PROMPT: Bullying can take the form of words, actions, and laws. It can occur in the classroom, a community, or a country. Discuss how acts of bullying led to the Holocaust

DEADLINE DATE: APRIL 27, 2012 BY 5:00 PM

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

Format

1. Length -
Elementary schools - not to exceed two typed pages;
Middle schools - not to exceed four typed pages;
High school - not to exceed five typed pages;
2. Font- 12 point New Times Roman; double spaced on one-side of paper
3. Page Numbers: All pages, except for the title page, should be numbered at the top right of each page
4. Reference page- a minimum of three references should be included on a separate page at the end of the essay. Wikipedia is not an acceptable source. This reference page is not counted as part of the essay.
5. Artwork/illustrations should not be included - text only in the essays
6. Title Page - Prepare a title page that includes student's name, parent/guardian, home address, phone #, name of school, grade, and sponsoring teacher (if applicable). The student's name should only appear on this title page.

Qualifying

1. Essay must be received by deadline date- April 27, 2012.
2. Essay must be original- no plagiarism
3. Essay must adhere to prompt.
4. This contest is open only to students from Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, or Gadsden counties, Florida

Judging

Essays which adhere to the guidelines will be judged with special attention to the following criteria:

1. Clear & effective writing (essay exhibits proper use of grammar, well organized and presented).
2. Treatment of assigned prompt
3. Demonstrates sensitivity to and significance of topic.
4. Historical accuracy-all essays will be reviewed for historical accuracy.
5. Applicants must submit the original and 3 copies of essay

Prizes

The Following Prizes will be awarded:

Eligibility Divisions

Elementary School – Grades 4-5

First place winner receives \$50, certificate, and book

Second place winner receives \$25, certificate, and book

Third place winner receives \$15, certificate, and book

Middle School – Grades 6-8

First place winner receives \$75, certificate, and book

Second place winner receives \$50, certificate, and book

Third place winner receives \$25, certificate, and book

High School – Grades 9-12

First place winner receives \$150, certificate, and book

Second place winner receives \$100, certificate, and book

Third place winner receives \$50, certificate, and book

Deliver or mail entries (the original and three copies) no later than 5:00 pm April 27, 2012 to:

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