

## **White Rose Memorial Essay Contest**

The Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education's Thirteenth Annual White Rose Memorial Essay Contest

For Middle, Jr. High, and High School Students

***Submission deadline: Thursday, April 1, 2021***

### **2020-2021 ESSAY PROMPT:**

Consider the following: A common misconception of the Holocaust is that Jews went "like sheep to the slaughter." However, Jewish resistance to the Nazi onslaught came in a variety of ways. Practicing one's faith in secret, smuggling food and weapons, forging documents, writing diaries, rebelling with no hope of success were all forms of resistance.

1. Although much is written about men, women also played a significant role in resistance. Your task is to research two Jewish women resisters; one who took up arms, and one who resisted by other means. Describe their actions and explain the significance of their accomplishments.
2. Next, research a contemporary female resister. Describe her actions and explain the significance of her accomplishments.
3. Finally, explain how remembering these brave women can inspire you and/or your fellow students to act in the face of evil and injustice.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:**

Length: 500-1000 words

Eligibility: Students in grades 6-8 at the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year may participate. Students may win an award only once in each school category. Download entry form

### **HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:**

Length: 750-1500 words

Eligibility: Students in grades 9-12 at the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year may participate. Students may win an award only once in each school category. Download entry form

### **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:**

- Does the essay completely address this year's essay contest topic?
- Have you given your essay a descriptive title?

- Is your essay the required length?
- Is your essay typed, double-spaced, with left and right margins set at 1 inch, on one side of white 8.5 by 11-inch paper with Times New Roman font?
- Have you made sure that your name, school, or city DOES NOT appear anywhere on the essay manuscript? (only on the attached entry form)
- Did you include parenthetical citations of sources used? (High School only)
- Does your essay have a standardized Works Cited page?
- Did you completely fill out the entry form provided by your teacher?

### **WHITE ROSE AWARDS:**

Ten students from grades 6-8 and also from grades 9-12 will be honored with a symbolic white rose. From these top essays, first, second, and third place cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

#### **Grades 6-8**

First prize: \$250

Second prize: \$150

Third prize: \$50

#### **Grades 9-12**

First prize: \$250

Second prize: \$150

Third prize: \$50

All students selected for outstanding essays will be inducted in to the Friends of the White Rose – Tulsa Region at a special recognition ceremony on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Winning essays will be posted on our website.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Each essay will be judged using the following criteria:

- Depth of research
- Quality of writing
- Fulfillment of the prompt requirements
- Accuracy of factual information
- Responsible citation of sources consulted
- Fulfillment of contest requirements concerning topic, eligibility, guidelines, and endorsement

Note: Any essay that does not address the ENTIRE prompt will be disqualified.

### **SUBMISSIONS**

Sponsoring teachers may hand deliver, submit by US mail, or electronically submit their students' essays. A completed entry form for each student's submission must also be

included. These must arrive no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021. Essays should be delivered or mailed to:

The White Rose Essay Contest  
Jewish Federation of Tulsa  
2021 East 71st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74136