

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

The fourth category, Essay/Response Paper (high school only), follows a different format than the other three categories and has its own separate prompt which is different from the three other categories. Your essay must be 1000 words or less. Essays that go over the word limit will be disqualified.

Prompt

Reflect on the words of local Holocaust survivor Albert Farhy, “Life is not just about living but living with people.” Consider the story of a survivor who lived in the Pittsburgh area and how this quote relates to their experience. How were human connections and acts of altruism important to their experience during the Holocaust? Taking their story into consideration, how do you think altruistic behaviors unite individuals, helping them to cooperate and thrive, both then and now?

Required Resource

- In your essay, please reflect on the story of at least one local survivor, citing your source(s). Suggested resources can be found [here](#).
- Failure to submit an MLA-style bibliography including at least one primary source or “CHUTZ-POW!” story or Generations presentation will result in disqualification.

Please note that this should be a response paper that explains your thoughts about the prompt. It is not a research paper (you do not need to use resources outside of those required), A response paper should demonstrate your understanding of the material by giving an original response (i.e., your thoughts) to the content of the material. Entries must be created by students. AI-generated works are not permitted. All projects must be individual; no group projects. [Rubrics can be found here.](#)

Please submit your essay and source(s) to your Sponsor by the deadline they provide. Include your name and contact information (your email and the email for a parent or guardian is recommended) on separate page from your essay. (All projects must be individual; no group projects) If selected as the winning essay from your school, and if you met all the requirements and deadlines of the competition, your Sponsor will submit your name for Round 2 of judging by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.