

The Mira Kimmelman ‘Learning from the Holocaust’ Contest



Mira Kimmelman (1923-2019) was a Woman of Valor. A Holocaust survivor who endured not only incarceration in Auschwitz, but a deadly and horrific death march to Bergen-Belsen, she turned to volunteering and education after coming to the United States. For over fifty years, she dedicated herself to the Jewish communities of Tennessee and Holocaust education efforts around the state. A twice-published author, she raised her voice in the hope that continuing education and remembrance of this atrocity would ensure that no one should suffer such atrocities ever again.



Mira Kimmelman challenged students to reflect upon the history of the Holocaust and contemporary examples of injustice for over fifty years. The contest continues her work and legacy, asking Tennessee students to create projects that reflect how the lessons of the Holocaust are relevant to current events and their own lives.

The winner of the high school contest receives a prize of \$750, with the first runner up receiving \$500 and the second runner up receiving \$250.
The winner of the middle school contest receives a prize of \$500, with the first runner up receiving \$300 and the second runner up receiving \$150.

Middle School students should submit:

- One paragraph summary of a completed project that reflects on the lessons of the Holocaust, with appropriate documentation. (*Examples include a website, table top exhibit, performance with accompanying script, a webquest, a monument design, a series of commemorative historical markers, etc.*) OR
- A 2-3 page essay that analyzes and reflects on Mira Kimmelman’s story and message, with appropriate documentation OR
- A visual art project that memorializes the Holocaust, with appropriate documentation

In addition to a completed application.

High School students should submit:

- A 4-6 page essay that responds to the prompt below, with appropriate documentation

In addition to a completed application.

Materials should be sent to tnholcom@tnholcom.org with the subject line ‘Kimmelman Contest’. Please direct all questions to tnholcom@tnholcom.org

For this year’s prompt and more information on the life of Mira Kimmelman, please visit tnholcom.org

**Submissions due by
June 1, 2021.**

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Application 2021

First Name
Last Name
Email
School Name
Grade Level
Teacher's Name
Teacher's Email
Which prompt have you selected?

- Middle School Essay
- Middle School Project
- Middle School Visual Art
- High School Essay