



# Student Ambassador Program

## Mission Statement:

To honor the victims of the Holocaust, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission will create a network of rising *sophomore, junior, or senior* high school ambassadors to learn, remember, and explain the continuing significance of the Holocaust. These students will become the next generation of leaders who bear witness to the Holocaust, and its legacies. The Commission will be in contact with student ambassadors to help plan and facilitate speakers and other events at local schools and throughout the communities across Tennessee. The program will run each year from **August 1-May 31**.

## Goals and Objectives:

- Student ambassadors will participate in and/or facilitate programs with Holocaust Survivors and other speakers within your schools, both in person and through ZOOM. Additional speakers include:
  - Second/Third generation speakers
  - Liberators/veterans
  - Scholars and experts on the Holocaust
- Student ambassadors will participate in, and/or, facilitate programs connecting communities across the state through public events such as:
  - Days of Remembrance
  - Community Events
  - Yom HaShoah
- Student ambassadors will participate in field trips including but not limited to (in person and virtually) connected to the Holocaust
  - Whitwell's Paperclip Project
  - Nashville Holocaust Memorial
  - Virtual field trips including: USHMM/Yad Vashem/Auschwitz
- Student ambassadors will participate in, and/or, facilitate the annual Mira Kimmelman, "Learning from the Holocaust" Student Contest in their school.
- Student Ambassadors will have an opportunity to: apply for an online or in-person summer internship, gain volunteer hours, make valuable connections within their community and across the state, earn references for their future college and employment goals.

## Significant Dates:

- Holocaust Remembrance Week: last week of January
  - January 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- April 17-18: Yom HaShoah
- May 5: Liberation of Mauthausen
- Oct. 5: Raoul Wallenberg Day
- Nov. 9: Kristallnacht/Night of Broken Glass

## Funding:

Funding for programming will be provided by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission after review and acceptance of each query.

### **School Requirements:**

- One student representative per high school (must be a rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader with a 3.0 GPA or higher)
- One faculty sponsor, with recommendation letter for Student ambassador
- Signed acknowledgment from the principal, faculty member, and parent/guardian
- Completed application from potential student ambassador

### **Student Online Application:**

1. In 500 words or less, explain the following:
  - Why the Holocaust is important to you
  - How your interest in the Holocaust developed
  - What you hope to contribute by participating
  - Your skills and strengths that can contribute to the program
2. Complete the Application form found in the program details packet including all the required signatures
3. Complete and submit all application materials by: **September 15, 2023** for the 23/24 school year
4. Submit all materials to the main office at **tnholcom@tnholcom.org**

### **Student Ambassador Applicant Requirements:**

1. Ambassadors must maintain *at minimum* 3.0 GPA
2. Ambassadors must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior in high school
2. Ambassadors must commit to a minimum of one day of *in-person* education/training per year with TN Holocaust Commission staff. Training will be held in a few different locations (ex: Chattanooga, Johnson City, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, etc.)each year. Training will include:
  - Learning history of the Holocaust and its importance in the 21st century as antisemitism rises globally
  - Understanding of Judaism and the history of Jews in Europe, including the history of antisemitism
  - Combating antisemitism/Holocaust distortion in the "Digital Age"
  - Promotion of Tennessee Holocaust Commission-sponsored events
  - Conducting oral histories with survivors
  - Meeting Survivors
  - Writing/speaking about the Holocaust
3. Student ambassadors must commit to meeting once a month for one hour during the school year at either: Temple Ohabei Shalom (Nashville), or through Zoom. Sessions will include discussion of:
  - Potential events and speakers
  - Networking with schools/other ambassador
  - Potential field trips
  - Short videos/resources for learning
  - Survivor testimony

### **Completion of the Student Ambassadorship:**

Upon the successful completion of one school year's service in the Student Ambassador program, each student will be presented with a certificate of completion from the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, formal recognition on the Tennessee Holocaust Commission website/newsletter/social media, and an invitation to attend the Commission's annual winter educator conference.

### **Disclaimer:**

In the event that a Student ambassador fails to meet/retain/complete the requirements of their position, the Tennessee Holocaust Commission has the right to remove the student ambassador from their position.

# Student Ambassador Application



On a separate sheet of paper or document, tell us: (500 words or less)

- Why the Holocaust is important to you
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/ Cum GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, we are supporting the above student's application to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission Student Ambassador Program for School Year 2023/24

Teacher Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_