



Mira Kimmelman ‘Learning from the Holocaust’ Contest 2024

Middle School Essay and Visual Arts Contests

The Middle School Essay and Visual Arts Contests are open to students in Grades 5-8. This includes students who are in public, private, charter, voucher, and homeschools in Tennessee.

While this contest is designed for Tennessee students, we will also welcome valid out-of-state entries that meet the criteria for each category. Out-of-state entries will be judged according to the criteria set for each contest.

Middle School Essay Contest

All submissions must follow these requirements to be considered eligible for entry:

- 1) Reading of the book, *Echoes from the Holocaust: A Memoir* by Mira Ryczke Kimmelman; and/or, watching three of the filmed interviews found on the Mira Kimmelman Tolerance Fund: <https://www.tolerance.fund/mira> Complimentary copies of Ms. Kimmelman’s book, *Echoes from the Holocaust* can be obtained by emailing the staff of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission at tnholcom@tnholcom.org
- 2) Students must submit an individual, **2-3 page** formal essay that analyzes on the major events and challenges faced by Ms. Kimmelman, reflect on Mira Kimmelman’s message, and explain how Ms. Kimmelman’s story connects to the student’s life today. Essays should reflect the message of Mira Kimmelman’s story and explain if the students read the book or watched the interviews. Essays will be checked for originality. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will result in the dismissal of the entry. Student papers should also be cited using APA or MLA citation styles. Essays should be typed in 12 point, a standard font (Ex: Times New Roman, Courier, Arial), with 1-inch page margins.
- 3) Essays should also include the student’s teacher name, school name, and grade.
- 4) Entries must also include a completed application.
- 5) All entries should be submitted to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission’s email, tnholcom@tnholcom.org. Please type: “ATTN: Kimmelman Contest”, and the level/name of the contest you are entering in in the subject line of the emailed submission. (Ex: “ATTN: Kimmelman Contest, MS Essay”).
- 6) Deadline for entries to the Middle School Essay Contest is: **June 1, 2024.**

The winner of the Middle School Essay contest receives a prize of \$500, with the first runner up receiving \$300 and the second runner up receiving \$150.

Middle School Visual Arts Contest

All submissions must follow these requirements to be considered eligible for entry:

- 1) Reading of the book, *Echoes from the Holocaust: A Memoir* by Mira Ryczke Kimmelman; and/or, watching three of the filmed interviews found on the Mira Kimmelman Tolerance Fund: <https://www.tolerance.fund/mira> Complimentary copies of Ms. Kimmelman's book, *Echoes from the Holocaust* can be obtained by emailing the staff of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission at tnholcom@tnholcom.org
- 2) Visual arts projects should reflect the message of Mira Kimmelman's story and explain if the students read the book or watched the interviews. It should reflect on the major events and challenges faced by Ms. Kimmelman, her message, and demonstrate how Ms. Kimmelman's story connects to the student's life today. Entries should also include a 1-paragraph, written explanation of the project; as well as images of the visual arts project. Examples of appropriate visual arts entries include: original student paintings/sketches/digital art, original student music or dance, a new website, table top exhibit, performance with accompanying script, a webquest, a monument design, a series of commemorative historical markers, etc. All projects will be checked for originality and content. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will result in the dismissal of the entry. Student papers should also be cited using APA or MLA citation styles.
- 3) Visual arts projects may be submitted by individual students, or by a small group. Winning entries submitted by groups will have the monetary award divided equally among the group participants.
- 4) Visual Arts projects must include the name of the student's teacher, school, and grade.
- 5) All Visual arts projects must be submitted with a completed application. All participants must complete an application.
- 6) All projects should be submitted to the Tennessee Holocaust Commission's email, tnholcom@tnholcom.org. Please type: "ATTN: Kimmelman Contest", and the level/name of the contest you are entering in in the subject line of the emailed submission. (Ex: "ATTN: Kimmelman Contest, MS Visual Arts").
- 7) The deadline for the Visual Arts Contest is **June 1, 2024**.

The winner(s) of the Middle School Visual Arts contest receives a prize of \$500, with the first runner up receiving \$300 and the second runner up receiving \$150.

- **Educators will receive a \$5.00 Starbucks gift card for each *valid student entry* from their class**