



# The Belz-Lipman Award

*for Excellence in Holocaust Education*



## Applications Live!

*Submissions Close August 31, 2025*

Established by Memphis community leaders, entrepreneurs, and philanthropists Jack A. Belz and Ira Lipman the Belz-Lipman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education Award recognizes outstanding talent and commitment in the field of Holocaust education. The Tennessee Holocaust Commission has presented the award since 1993, recognizing the most skilled, dedicated, and enduring Holocaust educators across the state of Tennessee for nearly thirty years.

Educators are chosen for the annual award and accompanying \$1500 grant, which can be used for professional development and support. Examples include the development of new curriculum, to purchase resources or attend trainings in Holocaust history or education. One winner will be chosen from each region of Tennessee: East, West and Middle. Distinguished recipients of the award have attended international conferences on Holocaust education, served as Teacher Fellows with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

### Recipients receive:

- A \$1500 grant for their classroom.
- State-wide recognition.
- Exclusive access to Tennessee Holocaust Commission events and workshops.

All applicants for the award must be currently employed teachers in the state of Tennessee with at least two years of experience teaching the Holocaust in the classroom.

The winners of the Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award are announced in the House Chambers of the State Capitol, as part of The Tennessee Holocaust Commission's Annual Day of Remembrance Holocaust Commemoration. The commemoration is free and open to the public.

### Teachers should apply by completing the below application.

To nominate an educator in your community, please email [tnholcom@tnholcom.org](mailto:tnholcom@tnholcom.org) with their name, contact information, and whether or not you would like the nomination to be anonymous.

*Please direct all comments, questions, and concerns to [tnholcom@tnholcom.org](mailto:tnholcom@tnholcom.org)*

# Belz-Lipman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education Application



Please email the application and requested documents to [tnholcom@tnholcom.org](mailto:tnholcom@tnholcom.org) with the subject line [BL Application 24-25]. Letters of Recommendation can be sent to the above address with the subject line [BL Rec 24-25]. Physical applications, documents, or letters of recommendation can be received at:

P.O. Box 59252 Nashville, TN 37205.

**Applications must be received no later than August 31 , 2025.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Teaching the Holocaust (minimum 2 yrs): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Statement

Please attach a one page essay addressing the following:

- Why do you teach the Holocaust?
- What is your approach to teaching the Holocaust? What materials, resources, or activities do you employ?
- How do you measure the success of your teaching method in regards to the Holocaust?
- How do you plan to utilize the \$1500 grant?

## Letter of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from either:

- A current or former student addressing how he or she was impacted by learning about the Holocaust in your class.
- A parent or colleague who is familiar with, and able to speak to, your class, body of work, and impact.

## Previous Experience with Holocaust Education

☐ Tennessee Holocaust Commission Teacher Fellow ☐ Workshops ☐ College Courses ☐ Volunteer Work

☐ Community Organizing ☐ Memorial Project: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Holocaust Museum Visits: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

My signature below confirms that the above information is accurate and that I am in good standing as a teacher in the above stated school. Applications with false or misleading information will result in immediate disqualification from the Belz-Lipman Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_