

Dear applicants and guardians,

The Youth Board of CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is sponsoring a scholarship program for a VCSC high school student to participate in CANDLES' summer trip to Auschwitz. The 2018 trip will take place June 23 – July 1, 2017. The program enables Vigo County students to witness the tragedy of the Holocaust and helps them develop a sense of purpose in promoting respect and responsibility in our community. Visiting Auschwitz with a survivor is an unforgettable journey that very few people will have the chance to experience. Now a VCSC student will be one of those few.

Eligibility/Application Requirements

High school students in the Vigo County School Corporation are eligible to apply. If the applicant will be under age 18 during any portion of the trip, he/she must be accompanied by a chaperone. The chaperone could be an adult relative, friend, or teacher, so long as that person is authorized to be the chaperone by the student's legal guardian.

All applicants must complete and submit an application by January 20th. Finalists will be contacted for an interview the first half of February. The selected student will be required to prepare for the trip through readings and research and follow up at the local schools with presentations about their experience.

Expectations

1. In preparation for the trip, the Youth Board expects the following:
 - The applicant must read Eva Kor's *Surviving the Angel of Death* and/or attend Eva's presentation at CANDLES.
 - The applicant will be encouraged to read other Holocaust-related literature and attend other CANDLES events.
 - The museum will provide the participant with an information packet and newsletters about Auschwitz and other trip destinations.
 - The student will be encouraged to talk to people who have experienced the trip before.
2. The scholarship recipient should participate in scholarship fundraising activities.
3. During the trip, the student will be required to keep a journal, blog, or photo journal of their experiences. They will also be encouraged to seek out other survivors and learn their Holocaust stories.
4. After the trip, the student participant will be required to give a presentation at his/her school and at CANDLES. If a high school senior is chosen, he/she must commit to return to school and make a presentation before or after the college semester begins, or during one of the semester breaks.

Scholarship

The scholarship will cover the cost of the airfare, hotel and other travel costs, most meals, and tour fees. The participant will cover the cost of a passport and personal spending money. If the participant is under the age of 18, the scholarship will extend to the chaperone as well.

Preliminary Itinerary

- Staying in beautiful and historic Krakow
- Visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine
- Tour of Krakow's Old Town, including Wawel Castle, St. Mary's Church, and Market Square
- Tour of the Jewish Quarter and Plaszow Memorial
- Tour of Auschwitz I and Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Free day to explore on your own

More detailed information on the trip can be found on our website:

<https://candleholocaustmuseum.org/trips/>

CANDLES has been leading educational tours to Poland and Auschwitz for over ten years. The trips are very well organized and thoughtfully planned. The group will be comprised of people from all over the United States, many of them teachers and students. Five staff members from CANDLES will be present on every leg of the trip, and local guides who speak fluent English will join the group in Poland.

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 812-234-7881 or amy@candleholocaustmuseum.org

Best regards,

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