

CANDLES AUSCHWITZ 2020 TRIP

Teacher Scholarship Application



CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is pleased to announce availability of educator scholarships for the upcoming Auschwitz 2020 Trip.

This is the 13th year that CANDLES has offered this opportunity to individuals who help area youth and their communities learn about the Holocaust, prevent prejudice, and spread the idea of “Tikkun Olam” or “repair the world.”

Auschwitz 2020 Trip June 27 - July 5

The CANDLES Auschwitz trip offers individuals the valuable learning experience of traveling to Auschwitz with a survivor of that time and place in history.

The teacher scholarship is open to individuals who have worked as licensed teachers (including guidance counselors and library / media specialists), principals, and assistant principals in public and private schools since at least August 2015. Also eligible is any individual who works with youth or adults in a setting where teaching Holocaust education can change a life. Former scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply until three years after the award was given, and former recipients are not given special consideration for selection. CANDLES offers this support as a way to encourage personal and professional growth, as well as contribute to overall student and public understanding of the value of learning lessons of the Holocaust to create kinder and more equitable communities for all people.

CANDLES will award up to 5 (five) scholarships, each not to exceed \$1,800, submitted as outlined on the following pages. Application materials will be judged on clarity, substance, and overall appeal. Preference will be given to those that propose meaningful and creative ways to educate students and / or the general public and demonstrate an understanding of the relevance of Holocaust education. Proposals that integrate multiple subjects / disciplines are encouraged.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE SUBMIT TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF YOUR MATERIALS.

There is no specific application format. However, you should prepare your materials using a font size of 11 or 12 points. Answers to items 2-7 should not exceed three single-spaced pages total. Your description should convince the committee of your commitment to use this experience to educate others and promote CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center as a resource for Holocaust education.

1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Use the provided form to submit your personal information. If more space is needed, you may re-create this form to accommodate the length of your information. All parts must be completed; if not possible, please provide an explanation.

2) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST AND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

3) WHY IS YOUR PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT FOR THE POPULATION YOU SERVE?

Please explain how your participation will benefit/impact the population you seek to educate.

4) PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Please describe what you hope to gain personally and professionally from your participation.

5) EDUCATION

Please explain how you will use this experience in a classroom, workshop, or informational setting. How will you educate others?

6) DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL

Use this section to elaborate on the ways you will document and share your Auschwitz experience with students, parents, colleagues, or the general public. This documentation is something you will later share with CANDLES senior staff and should include the impact of this trip on your personal beliefs and/or outlook.

7) BENEFIT TO CANDLES

Please suggest how CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center and its visitors will benefit from your participation in this trip. What will you "give back"?

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Your materials must include at least three signed letters of recommendation from persons who can speak for your general ability and capacity to educate others. It is realistic to assume that these individuals are from organizations that will benefit from your experience at

Auschwitz. Recommendations from CANDLES staff or members of CANDLES board of directors are not accepted.

COMMITMENT TO CANDLES*

1) Scholarship recipients will be expected to deliver a presentation or submit multimedia materials to the CANDLES senior staff which reflects his/her application of the trip experience to a classroom, workshop, or special presentation setting.

2) Scholarship recipients are required to volunteer for CANDLES for a minimum of five (5) hours between September 18, 2020 and July 17, 2021. These volunteer hours can be completed by either direct service at the museum or through local projects in consultation with the museum staff.

SELECTION PROCEDURE and SCHEDULE

1) **Without exception**, applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to CANDLES by 4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, November 15th, 2019. An impartial panel will review proposals. No panel member will be allowed to review or vote on a proposal of a friend, relative, colleague, or acquaintance.

2) Recipients will be notified by Friday, December 6th, 2019 and should accept or decline the award by Friday, December 13th. You should apply for your passport at this time if you do not already possess one. The cost of obtaining a passport is not included in your scholarship award. CANDLES office must have your passport copy in hand by March 6th, 2020.

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS/SCHEDULE

1) A nonrefundable deposit of \$600 (+ insurance premium if purchased) will be required by January 10th, 2020. This will be applied to the balance remaining after scholarship funds are distributed. Payments may be made with cash, check, money order, debit card, Visa or Mastercard. All payments with credit or debit card will incur a 3% fee.

2) Upon being chosen to receive a CANDLES educator scholarship, an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 will be applied as a payment to your trip account.

3) Final payment of balance owed is due on or before March 6th, 2020.

OTHER

Individuals will be responsible for airfare/transportation from their original destination (other than Terre Haute, IN) to Chicago/O'Hare, trip insurance (if applicable), single room supplement (if applicable), and any gift shop merchandise. All monies will be applied directly through CANDLES only, and no reimbursements of any kind will be allocated. Participation in all scheduled activities is expected.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please mail *two* complete copies of all application materials, including the information page and attachments, to:

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Leah Simpson, Interim Executive Director
1532 South Third Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802

*By submitting an application, you are agreeing to the terms set forth and are expected to complete the requirements as specified.

Failure to comply with these requirements will indicate your willingness to either forfeit your scholarship award or repay the amount awarded.

PERSONAL, EMPLOYER AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Legal name (as recorded on your passport or other legal identification):

Street address, city, state and zip: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

Email contact: _____

Employing school corporation (if applicable): _____

Employing school name (if applicable): _____

School address: _____

Employer (if other than a school): _____

Employer address: _____

Employer telephone number: (_____) _____

Current position, grade level and/or subject area (as applicable): _____

Educational/professional background (dates of employment, location/school and position/job assignment):

Dates	Location/School	Position/Job Assignment

Amount requested (not to exceed \$1,800) _____

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? (Check all that apply)

- Promotional flyer
- Principal/supervisor
- University communication
- Former scholarship recipient
- CANDLES staff or board member
- CANDLES website
- Fellow teacher
- My state department of education
- Place of worship
- Other: _____

Is there anything the selection panel needs to know about you that should be taken into consideration when reviewing your application? What makes you someone they should select over other applicants?