

AUSCHWITZ 2017

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is pleased to announce that the trip to Auschwitz will become an annual event, and that a CANDLES Teacher Scholarship opportunity will once again be offered for the 2017 Auschwitz trip. This is the 9th year that CANDLES has offered this opportunity to individuals, in order to assist them in helping area youth and their communities learn about the Holocaust, preventing prejudice and spreading the idea of “Tikkun Olam” or “To repair the world”. This trip offers individuals the valuable learning experience of traveling to Auschwitz with a survivor of that time and place in history. Trip dates for 2017 are June 24-July 2.

Again this year, 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 and college students majoring in education are eligible to apply for these scholarship opportunities. Also eligible is any individual who works with youth or adults in a setting where teaching Holocaust education can change a life. Former recipients are not eligible for this scholarship award for two years after their first trip scholarship award was given and former recipients are not given special privilege or consideration for 2017 selection. CANDLES Scholarship donors not only support this project as a way to encourage personal and professional growth for professionals but view this as an opportunity to contribute to overall student and public understanding and engagement with regard to the Holocaust. The Scholarship opportunity will award no more than ten (10) individuals, one scholarship each in an amount not to exceed \$1,800 based upon the materials submitted as outlined in the following paragraphs. Material will be judged on clarity, substance and overall appeal with regard to the advantages for students, CANDLES Museum and the general public. Preference will be given to prepared materials demonstrating the existence of thought toward developing meaningful ways to educate students and/or the general public. Individuals who have a long-term history of supporting CANDLES will also be given stronger consideration. Educator planning which integrates multiple subjects is desired and expected. Any submitted materials which simply detail the development of a basic lesson or presentation will not be considered.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE SUBMIT THREE COMPLETE COPIES OF YOUR MATERIALS.

There is no specific application format. However, you should prepare your application materials using at least an 11-point font size and no larger than a 14-point font size. The font style should be Times New Roman or Arial. Items 2-7 should be addressed in no more than three single-spaced pages. Your description must be convincing as to your commitment to using this experience to educate others and promote CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center as a positive and primary resource for Holocaust education.

1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Use the provided form for submission of your personal information. If more space is needed than provided on the ready to use form, you may re-create this form to accommodate the length of your information. All parts of the form must be completed. If not possible, an explanation must be given as to why.

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

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

This portion of your description should explain how your participation will benefit/impact the population you are attempting to educate and provide knowledge to.

4) PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS

This portion of your description should include what you hope to gain, personally and professionally, from your trip participation.

5) EDUCATION

This portion of your description will explain how you will use this experience in a classroom, workshop, or informational setting. How will you educate others?

6) DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL

This portion of your description will explain how will you uniquely document and share your Auschwitz experience with students, parents, colleagues or the general public. This documentation is something you will later share with CANDLES Board Members and should include the impact of this trip on your personal beliefs and/or outlook.

7) BENEFIT TO CANDLES

This portion of your description will explain 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 be accompanied by at least three signed letters of recommendation from qualified persons who can speak for your general ability and capacity to educate others. It is realistic to assume that these individuals are those whose organizations 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 10-minute presentation or multi-media materials to the CANDLES Board of Directors which reflects his/her usage of the trip experience as implemented within a classroom, workshop, or special presentation setting.

2) Scholarship recipients are required to volunteer for a minimum of five (5) hours of time for CANDLES Museum between September 15, 2016 and July 15, 2017. These volunteer hours will be completed by either direct service at the Museum or through tasks (with assigned service hour values) completed at home, if those tasks are available.

SELECTION PROCEDURE and SCHEDULE

- 1) **Without exception**, applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to CANDLES by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016. 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 2, 2016. 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 May 1, 2017.

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS/SCHEDULE

- 1) A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 will be required by Friday, December 30, 2016.** This will be applied to the balance remaining after scholarship funds are distributed. Payments may be made with cash, check, money order, Paypal, debit card or Visa, or Mastercard. All payments with credit or debit card will incur a 3% fee.
- 2) Upon being chosen to receive a CANDLES Teacher 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 1, 2017.**

OTHER

If the situation occurs where an individual receives a full scholarship, he/she will be booked as a complete trip registration only. Individual will be responsible for airfare/transportation from their original destination 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

Mail **three** complete copies of your information page and other materials, including attachments with all copies to:

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Kiel Majewski, Executive Director
1532 South Third Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802
(812) 234-7881

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

These two payment dates **are not flexible.

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 (if applicable): _____

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional Flyer
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal/Boss
<input type="checkbox"/> University Communication
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Scholarship Recipient
<input type="checkbox"/> C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Staff or Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Website
<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/> My State Department of Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Church/Synagogue
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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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 over other applicants?