

GUIDELINES
RAUCH FOUNDATION TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP
for
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Description: The Rauch Foundation Teacher Scholarship is intended to lend support to educators as they pursue professional learning in strategies and approaches for presenting the complex topic of the Holocaust to students. The scholarship is particularly targeted at covering the expenses for travel, housing and/or registration for Holocaust conferences, workshops, tours, and other special educational events that take place beyond the greater Quad City area.

Qualifications: Teachers or other educators who work with upper elementary, middle school and/or high school students are invited to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must be currently employed in a public, parochial, or private school in Rock Island, Henry or Mercer County in Illinois, or in Scott, Muscatine or Clinton County in Iowa. Preference will be given to individuals with past connections to Holocaust studies and with future intentions to share their ideas and resources.

Requirements: Scholarship recipients will be asked to confirm their attendance at the sponsored event by sending copies of registration forms, housing, airline or other receipts before or immediately after the event. Whenever possible, money will be sent to organizations sponsoring events rather than to individuals. Within two months after the event, recipients are required to submit a brief 1-2 page written report to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, describing what they gained from the experience and how they shared or intend to share its benefits with other educators and with their students. Within a year of the event, applicants are required to share information gained from the event with other educators at a local institute, conference, or workshop.

Scholarship Amount: Scholarship amounts can range from \$200-\$2,000, depending on the event, number of applicants, and available funds.

Evaluation Process: A Scholarship Review Committee made up of three community members and educators who are knowledgeable about Holocaust education will evaluate applications. Chair of the Steering Committee of the Jeff Leibovitz Special Collection of Holocaust Education Materials will chair this Scholarship Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing applications and selecting recipients for the scholarship. Final approval of recipients will rest with the Rauch Foundation. Applicants will be informed of a decision within a month of the receipt of the application.

Criteria for Evaluation: Applications will be judged according to the following seven criteria: Completeness of application (1-3 points); History of involvement in Holocaust education (1-3 points); Description of conference/special event (1-3 points); Quality of event (1-3 points); Value to students and educators (1-3 points); Overall budget (1-3 points); Individual qualifications for scholarship (1-3 points). 21 POINTS TOTAL.

Application Process: Applicants should submit 3 copies of the Application Form (along with a letter of recommendation) by April 1 or October 1 of each year.

Send applications to: Chair, Holocaust Education Committee, 2535-45th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201. Please feel free to call 309/786-6119 or email marrietta@aol.com for additional information.

APPLICATION FORM

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(Please type or use a computer)

1. **NAME:**

2. **HOME ADDRESS:**

HOME PHONE (AND EMAIL):

3. **SCHOOL NAME:**

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

SCHOOL PHONE (AND E-MAIL):

4. **POSITION:**

GRADE LEVEL(S):

SUBJECT(S) TAUGHT:

5. **DUE TO FUNDING, IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED, WOULD YOU STILL ATTEND THIS EVENT? __Yes __No**

6. **ON ANOTHER SHEET PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING:**

a. History of Involvement: Share your past and current involvement in Holocaust education (e.g., years of teaching, units of instruction, student characteristics).

b. Description of Conference/Event: Describe the conference/special event you wish to attend, the sponsoring organization, and the event's importance to your professional development.

c. Value to Students: How will you share your new knowledge with students when you return?

d. Value to Educators: How you will share your new knowledge with other educators when you return?

e. Amount Requested: State the total scholarship amount you are requesting and include a list of itemized expenditures you anticipate.

7. ALSO ATTACH... A letter of recommendation from your supervisor describing your qualifications for this scholarship and verifying your eligibility. Staple a copy of the letter to each of 3 copies of the application and mail to: Chair, Holocaust Education Committee, 2535-45th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Date of Receipt: _____

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS
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NOTE TO EVALUATORS:

Please review the "Guidelines" to assess the applicants overall qualifications.

Then look over the individual's Application Form to assess the following:

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- c. Value to Students: How you will share your new knowledge with students when you return?
- d. Value to Educators: How you will share your new knowledge with other educators when you return?
- e. Amount Requested: State the total scholarship amount you are requesting and include a list of itemized expenditures you anticipate.

ATTACHED: A letter of recommendation from your supervisor describing your qualifications for this scholarship and verifying your eligibility.

Use the following criteria to rate the Scholarship application:

Absent	High	Average	Low	
1. Individual's Qualifications for the Scholarship (based on Guidelines)	3	2	1	0
2. Completeness of Application 0	3	2	1	
3. History of Involvement in Holocaust Education	3	2	1	0
4. Description of Conference/ Special Event	3	2	1	0
5. Quality of Event 0	3	2	1	
6. Value to Students and Educators 0	3	2	1	
7. Overall Budget	3	2	1	0

TOTAL POINTS _____/21

Comments:

