



TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

2016 Genocide Awareness & Prevention Month Video Contest

*There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice,
but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.*

— Elie Wiesel

Theme: Genocide Report

The media plays a very powerful role in the distribution of information, and can have a critical function in shedding light on the darkest events of our world. When terrible things occur around the globe, it is important that people learn about them and act to right these wrongs. Our media outlets can help make sure this happens.

Imagine that you work for a local youth television station, and that you are assigned to report on a genocide of either the 20th or 21st century. You must explain what took place, and inform your hometown about the current situation of the area where the atrocities happened. Create an original 2-3 minute video that addresses these issues.

The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) is dedicated to educating Texas residents about the Holocaust and other genocides. Genocides do not happen overnight, but start with creating confrontations that set others, the VICTIMS, apart as somehow being a threat to our well-being, and are generally unprovoked.

Create an original 2 to 3 minute video for Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month, commemorated April 2016. All submissions are due by February 15, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP KEYS

There are 2 grade categories – Grade 6-8 and Grades 9-12

▲ Gold Key \$375 ▲ Silver Key \$200 ▲ Bronze Key \$125

Teachers of the Gold Key winning students in each category will receive \$100 for class supplies.

Entrants must attend a Texas school.

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OFFICIAL RULES AND MORE DETAILS

- The videos are to be 2-3 minutes in length and must be posted and accessible online.
- Submissions must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
- Students are encouraged to work in small groups on their entries, though individual submissions will also be accepted.
- To submit an entry, mail or email a completed copy of one application form and video permission forms for **each student who is part of the applying group**. The application form and permission form are available as a two-page document through the THGC website (www.thgc.texas.gov). **The forms must be completed fully and permission for video use granted to be considered.**

All submissions MUST be received by February 15, 2016, electronically or by mail at the addresses below:

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Attn: 2016 Video Contest

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For more information about the contest, please contact Cheyanne Perkins at 512-463-5674.

Submission will be judged on relevance to the mission of the THGC and to this year's theme, originality, creativity, technical achievement, and emergence of an upstanding message or vision.

Results will be announced in April, and the winners and their teachers will be invited to receive their prizes at a THGC Quarterly Meeting.

The 2015 Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month Video Scholarship Prizes are generously underwritten by Dr. Kelli Cohen Fein and Martin Fein of Houston, Mark and Fran Berg of Dallas and by Permian Basin Youth Chaverim.

All submitted entries become property of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission and may be shown, streamed, or otherwise used for Commission purposes.

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