



2024
STUDENT
VISUAL ARTS
CONTEST

SURVIVOR STORIES

Submissions due
MARCH 31, 2024

Open to 6th-12th
grade students

Show us through your artwork the
stories of local survivors and how
they have inspired you.

1st Place: \$500 • 2nd Place: \$250 • 3rd Place: \$150
Honorable Mention: \$100



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ABOUT THE CONTEST

Survivors: How Have They Inspired You?

Richmond has become home to many Holocaust and contemporary genocide survivors. It is the Virginia Holocaust Museum's mission to tell those stories, educating and helping to ensure that the words "Never Again," are someday realized.



2023 1st Place Winner
Junior Division
"Scars"
by Elena C.



2023 1st Place Winner
Senior Division
"Niedobitck"
by Reese B.

For the 2024 art contest, show us the stories of local survivors through your artwork and how they have inspired you! The contest is open to students in grades 6-12!

The deadline for submission is March 31, 2024.

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On the Cover: "The Flower of Hope" by Gia Y.



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CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

1. Follow contest guidelines and rules.
2. Email photos of artwork entries to kadams@vaholocaust.org. **All contest entries must be received by SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024.** When sending artwork files, please put the **student's name as the file name**. Please also **scan the artist information form and artist statement**.
3. Judges will view the emailed photos of student artwork and artist statements and select four pieces from both the Junior and Senior Divisions that meet contest guidelines and rules. Only the winning pieces of artwork chosen by the judges will be displayed at the Virginia Holocaust Museum.
4. If student artwork is chosen as one of the winning pieces to be on display at the Museum, it is the responsibility of the student or teacher to mail or drop off the artwork at the Virginia Holocaust Museum by **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024.** **Please put your name on the BACK of your artwork. Please include return postage if you are unable to pick up your artwork from the Museum after it comes off display June 1, 2025.**
5. Judges will award a first, second, third place and honorable mention in both the Junior and Senior Divisions.
6. **Students and sponsoring teachers will be notified by email, by April 7, 2023, as to the results of the competition.**
7. All artwork will be on display from May 2, 2024, through June 1, 2025. From June 2nd through June 30 it is the responsibility of the student or teacher to pick up artwork. The Museum is not responsible for return postage. If you would like your artwork to be returned by shipping, please include return postage in an envelope labeled with your name and shipping address.
8. **Awards will be presented on MAY 5, 2024** at the Virginia Holocaust Museum's annual Holocaust remembrance ceremony, Yom HaShoah. **Winning artwork will be displayed in the Museum lobby until June 2025.**

RESOURCES

Survivor Testimony/Interviews/Photos

- <https://www.vaholocaust.org/oral-histories/>

Virginia Survivors Information and Photos

- <https://www.vaholocaust.org/survivors-in-virginia/>

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY INFORMATION

The Student Visual Arts Contest is open to 6th-12th grade students.

- Each contestant is limited to one entry per year.
- Previous winners may enter again.
- Projects will be evaluated on historical accuracy, development of content and theme, and original expression according to this rubric.
- All entries become property of the Virginia Holocaust Museum and will not be returned.
- Applicants give the Virginia Holocaust Museum permission to reprint entries.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- We ask students and educators to respect the privacy of the survivors and to refrain from conducting personal interviews

PRIZES & SPONSORS

Prizes

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Sponsors

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1. 2-D entries should be no larger than 24" x 24" in size, though reasonable exceptions shall be accepted.
2. 3-D entries must be sized to sit on a small pedestal.
3. Entries must be matted and mounted on a firm support such as foam core, wood, or frame, making sure that the piece is rigid, or be framed. A hanging method must be a consideration for all 2-D entries, as pieces will hang from the left and right sides near the top. Charcoal, pencil or pastels that are submitted need to be sprayed with a fixative to prevent transfer and smudges. For framed works, eye hooks should be securely anchored at the top, left and right corners.
4. The entry must be original and created solely for this competition. Please remember to cite all references and resources if the student is using images from a website. Student artwork will be displayed at the Museum and viewed by Museum visitors. No group entries.
5. Scan one copy of the information form provided and email it to kadams@vaholocaust.org. Include all of the following:
 - Student name, e-mail address, home phone number, and address
 - Student's grade, teacher's name, and school
 - Teacher's contact e-mail and phone number.
 - The materials used (i.e., pastels, oils, pencils, etc.).
 - A title for the artwork.
 - A brief artist's statement about the piece, describing how you have incorporated the theme and the topic(s) you chose to address in your work. **The artist statement must be typed and must be 50 words or less.**
 - The student must sign the permission form for their artwork to be considered for the contest.
6. Judging will be based on interpretation of the topic, how well your image communicates the idea you selected, creativity and craftsmanship.

*Submissions not following the contest guidelines will be disqualified.

Please email Assistant Director of Guest Services, Kate Adams, at kadams@vaholocaust.org with any questions.

PROMPT

1. **Research the biography and/or oral testimony of a survivor who made Virginia their home, from our collections:**
 - <https://www.vaholocaust.org/survivors-in-virginia/>
 - <https://www.vaholocaust.org/oral-histories/>
2. As you are reading or listening to the story of the survivor, **reflect on their experience and create artwork on how their story has impacted you.** The artwork you create can be either 2D or 3D. Your artwork does not have to be a portrait of the survivor, use your own creative interpretation.

Consider the following when creating your artwork:

- Why were you drawn to the story of this survivor?
- What is something new you learned from reading and/or listening to their story?
- Did any specific words, phrases, or sentences from their testimony stand out to you?
- How can you help viewers connect with their story, through your artwork?



"Hatikvah"
by Obaa A.



"Because of Their Faith"
by Allyson W.



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Student Information

Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

WHAT TYPE OF ENTRY ARE YOU SUBMITTING? Junior Division: Grades 6,7,8 Senior Division: Grades 9,10,11,12

Parent(s) / Guardians(s)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Sponsoring Teacher

Teacher(s) Name(s): _____

School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Email: _____

Superintendent's Name: _____

Superintendent's Email: _____

For information, contact: Kate Adams, kadams@vaholocaust.org (804)257-5400 ext 238



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Materials Used: _____

Title of Poster: _____

Artist's Statement: *(If necessary please continue Artist's Statement on a second sheet of paper.)*

I understand that the work submitted for the Virginia Holocaust Museum's Visual Arts Competition **must be original.**

Date

Signature