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2012 LEO & ANTONIA GERSHANOV  
MEMORIAL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

A creative expression competition for Illinois students, grades 9-12

### To Enter

Visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org)

### For More Information

Call **847.967.4842** or  
email [contest@ilhmec.org](mailto:contest@ilhmec.org)

### Awards

Winners will be announced at a public ceremony on May 6, 2012. Students will receive awards from \$500 to \$3,000.

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### Addressing Contest Theme

Each essay should highlight an individual whose actions were a positive contribution during the Holocaust or genocidal atrocity; plus

- Describe a situation in which the student became involved and took a stand against bullying, or
- Explain how the behavior of the historical "Upstander" will inspire them to take action.

### Contest Requirements

Only Illinois students in grades 9-12 may enter. Only one entry per student is permitted.

Entries are to represent the independent and original effort of the student writer. Originality, content and style will be evaluated. Those not strictly adhering to listed requirements will be disqualified.

Entries must:

- Not exceed 1,500 words
- Be non-illustrated, non-fiction prose
- Include a bibliography or works-cited page

### Electronic submission only

Preferred format is Microsoft Word [.doc]

- Standard font [e.g., Times], 12 pt., 1" margins

### Contest Background

*Leo and Antonia Gershanov survived the Holocaust. They settled in Chicago following World War II, and devoted time and resources in the fight against discrimination and prejudice. This legacy was passed on to their children and grandchildren, who have graciously sponsored this contest in their memory.*

**Deadline for all entries is February 15, 2012.**

Submission must be time stamped no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on 02/15/12. Late entries will not be accepted.