



Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial Scholarship

The **Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial Scholarship** was established to foster a spirit of respect, tolerance and compassion in response to lessons learned from the Holocaust. It recognizes and supports Rockland County youth dedicated to pursuing higher education studies. Each year a scholarship will be awarded to one or more promising Rockland County high school seniors to assist with costs in attending a college of their choice.

To be considered for an Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial Scholarship, applicants must be residents of Rockland County and attend a public, private or parochial school within Rockland County. Well-rounded high school seniors that demonstrate a significant commitment to volunteer service or to the fostering of tolerance in our community are particularly encouraged to apply.

The Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial fund will grant **\$1000.00** to each of one or more graduating seniors; final number of recipients is dependent upon the applicant pool. Awarded applicants will be required to furnish proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university.

The Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial Scholarship award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help sustain the spirit of the fund to give future students a similar financial opportunity.

How to Apply:

The Rockland Community Foundation has transitioned to an online application process. Applications can either be completed using the fillable pdf format, or printed out, completed, and then scanned. ALL required attachments, except letters of recommendation, must be submitted at the same time your application is submitted. DO NOT send materials separately. Only those applications filed online will be given consideration.

Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent via email to RCFscholarships@gmail.com with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is March 16, 2019. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by a committee comprised of members of the Rockland Community Foundation and the scholarship fund holder. Selections will be based on a student's commitment to service to our community, demonstration of leadership skills, financial need, overall academic progress and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial on or before **May 1, 2019**.

Application Requirements:

- Completed and signed application –**emailed with required attachments by March 16, 2019**
- Minimum 2.5 GPA; transcript required (photocopies are acceptable)
- A one paragraph description of planned area of study and career goals
- A one-two paragraph description of your extra-curricular and community service experience
- Completion of the required essay
- One letter of reference, from anyone other than a family member. Preference is given to recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors or non-profit directors. Letter should be mailed **directly** to:

Rockland Community Foundation
The Auerbach Goldberg Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956

***Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.
Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email RCFscholarships@gmail.com***

***Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to
RCFscholarships@gmail.com
by March 16, 2019***

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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

College attending (if already known) _____

Planned area of study and career goals:

Extra curricular and community service activities:

Certification and Permissions

Please Read and Sign

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Rockland Community Foundation to verify such information and to release information to the donor or potential donor of The Auerbach-Goldberg Memorial Scholarship.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on continued enrollment for a minimum of two years, and providing proof of enrollment. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the Rockland Community Foundation the right to use my biographical information, essay response, and my image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award, and to promote the goals of the scholarship, for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Rockland Community Foundation.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application must be emailed by March 16, 2019

The Auerbach/Goldberg Memorial Scholarship - Essay

Completion of this essay is a required component for consideration of your scholarship application. Please read the following pages carefully to ensure you have included all the required information in your response.

Overview

A global effort is currently taking place to document the experiences of Holocaust survivors, not only to personalize the atrocities of this time in history, but to provide knowledge and perspective that may help prevent future human rights abuses. This is an opportunity for you to lend your insight to those voices.

Using the background information and primary sources on the pages that follow, as well as any outside resources and your knowledge of global history, construct a brief essay that addresses the following points:

- Why did such inhumane atrocities perpetrated both before and during WWII occur?
- How were they allowed to occur?
- What actions could have prevented the human rights abuses?
- How can we use knowledge learned from the Holocaust to prevent future human rights abuses?

Part B

- List ten questions you would ask if you had the opportunity to interview a Holocaust survivor today

Note: Scholarship winners will be given an opportunity to interview a Holocaust survivor

Requirements:

- Use two unique primary sources to support your work. You may use the sources quoted in the pages that follow.
- **Keep your essay to approximately 500 words**
- Be certain to list your sources at the end of your essay

Background Statement

When the Nazi party took power in 1933, it immediately made changes to Germany's political, legal, economic, and social structures, creating a nation that would eventually commit brutal atrocities against humanity in mass proportions.

Well before 1933, Hitler wrote and spoke publicly of his hatred of Jews. He received very little international attention or intervention. He proclaimed Jews the biggest problem to the world and called for their destruction.

During the war, evidence existed of Germany's mechanized systems of destruction and human terror, yet the atrocities escalated at an alarming rate. The war's end brought documented proof. The rumors and stories were all true; even worse than ever imagined. The world awoke, but the innocent victims never will.

Holocaust Survivors said "Never Forget". Today, 70 years, countless wars and genocides later, the few remaining Holocaust survivors now think remembering is more important than ever.

Primary Sources



Berlin, Germany May 10, 1933
Scene during the book burning in Berlin's Opera Square

Source:

National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Md



New York City, May 10, 1933

On the day of book burnings in Germany, massive crowds march from New York's Madison Square Garden to protest Nazi oppression and anti-Jewish persecution.

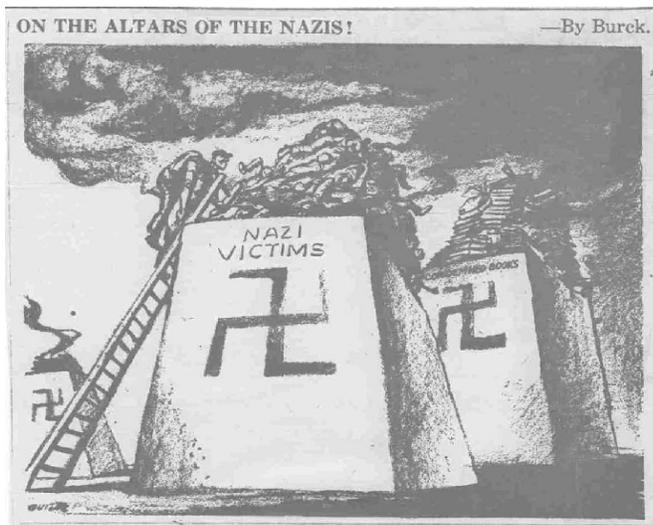
Source: US Holocaust Memorial Museum



New York City, May 10, 1933

Dr. Bernard Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress (center) and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise (right) participate in the mass demonstration against Nazi treatment of German Jews.

Source: US Holocaust Memorial Museum



Daily Worker (Chicago), May 11, 1933

While some American editorial responses to the Nazi book burnings played down the event and referred to the "extra-curricular activities" of Nazi students, others did forecast the dawning of a dark age.

In a political cartoon entitled "On the Altars of the Nazis", Jacob Burck evoked the prophetic observation by 19th-century German writer Heinrich Heine: "Where one burns books, one will soon burn people." This cartoon showed two pyres, the "altars of the Nazis" – Nazi victims, and condemned books.