

# TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

## Student Essay Contest

### Do you know what propaganda is?

The word *propaganda* means:

“ideas or statements that are often false or exaggerated and that are spread in order to help a cause...”

### What kinds of propaganda do you notice in your everyday life?

Are you a 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student in the state of Texas? If so, the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission wants to hear from you! Choose the prompt that fits your grade level, and send us a short essay for the chance to win a monetary award. Don't forget to get your parents' permission.

**All submissions must be received by January 22, 2017**

#### Grades 3-5 Junior Group

Describe a time when you chose to do something good, even when someone or something was trying to convince you to do something wrong.

Please answer in at least 100 words.

#### Grades 6-8 Senior Group

Are you aware that you're being exposed to propaganda in your everyday life? How do you react to it? How do you counter it? Give specific examples.

Please answer in at least 250 words.

#### Scholarship information One of each award will be given in each group.

Gold: \$250.00  
Silver: \$150.00  
Bronze: \$100.00

Scan the QR code for application forms, guidelines, and entry instructions, or visit <http://thgc.texas.gov/resources-for-education/resource/thgc-essay-contest>



Questions?  
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To learn more about propaganda, check out the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's exhibit *State of Deception* at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, or go online to <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/state-of-deception>.



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