



NH Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month Video Contest | April 2016



April is New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. Cities and towns throughout the state are urged by the governor and the NH Legislature to observe this month in an appropriate manner educating the public about the evils of genocide and commemorating victims of genocide. To stop and evolution towards genocide we must ask, Is there a target group and what can we do? The Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State announces the 2016 student video contest.

Theme: Giving a Face to the Targets of Genocide

Genocide is not a problem for victims only. Genocide is a group crime that unfolds over time. It begins when a group is targeted, singled out, classified and dehumanized. As a human phenomenon, it is a problem and warning for us all. It is important to remember the targets of genocide and give a voice to those who have no voice and help save those who need saving. This year's video contest asks you to give a face to the targets of genocide. Using one or more genocides from history, your goal is to humanize the targets to allow us to see groups as human beings and challenge prejudice.

Scholarship Prizes Two grade categories – Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Gold Key \$375. Silver Key \$200. Bronze Key \$125. Teachers of Gold Key winners in each category will receive \$100 for class supplies. Entrants must attend a New Hampshire school.

OFFICIAL RULES AND DETAILS

- The videos can be no longer than 2 1/2 minutes in length and must be in wmv, avi, mov, or mpg format.
- They can be submitted electronically by email or on DVD or CD to the mailing address given below.
- Submissions must be original in concept, design, and execution, must be historically accurate, 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.
- All submissions must include a document (paper or digital) that contains the entrant's name, school, grade, and home address. The teacher's name, email, school address, and school phone number should also be included.

Submissions must be received by Friday, March 6, 2016, electronically or by mail at the addresses below:

Email Address: twhite@keene.edu

Mailing Address:

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For more information about the contest, please contact Thomas White at 603-358-2746. Submissions will be judged on relevance 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 the NH State House.

¹ Richard Rubenstein's *The Cunning of History: The Holocaust and the American Future* (New York: Harper & Row, 1978)