

**Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
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**Sonia Schreiber Weitz
Upstander Award**

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Salem State University is now accepting applications for the Sonia Schreiber Weitz Upstander Award. Two students in grades 7 – 12 will be recognized at the awards ceremony at Yom HaShoah, the Community Commemoration of the Holocaust, 7:00 PM on April 9, 2018, at the J. Henry Higgins Middle School, 85 Perkins Street, Peabody, Massachusetts.

The award is named for Holocaust survivor, Sonia Schreiber Weitz, who passed away on June 23, 2010. Sonia was a poet, author, and spokesperson for her generation who put a face on Holocaust history. A remarkable woman who became a role model for the generations after, she was beloved by everyone who had the privilege of hearing her share her experiences during the Holocaust. Her mission was to encourage others to apply the lessons of the past to the present.

*“I dream of a world without victims and victimizers,
and even more, without bystanders.”*

The award recipients must emulate Sonia’s commitment to making our world a better place *by demonstrating* that they are not bystanders but upstanders who have taken *action* on behalf of another against prejudice, hatred, or indifference. There are unlimited opportunities to be an upstander. Two examples of an upstander include, but are not limited to, an individual who has helped someone being bullied or has stopped untrue or harmful messages from spreading.

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Application**

Students are requested to email their completed application with the essay on a separate page (maximum one typed page) to the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Salem State University at chgs@salemstate.edu or mail to Salem State University, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 352 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970. For more information, please email the center or call 978-542-2314. (**Application deadline is March 30, 2018**)

Essay should include a detailed description of how you have been an upstander **by taking action** on behalf of another individual or group; should not focus on what you would do, but what you actually did. Individuals, teachers and students can also nominate a deserving student for this award.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

All applications must include a letter signed by a teacher or non-relative with their contact information who has read your essay and verifies your upstander action.