



Application
AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM
A Bridge to History 2009

PART I – Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Social Security # _____

Mailing address _____
Number and street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip code Country

Permanent Address _____
(If different from above) Number and street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip code Country

Phone (_____) _____ Other Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____
mm dd yyyy City State Country

Citizenship _____ First Language _____

Languages Spoken _____

How did you hear about the AJC Fellows Program? _____

PART IV – Letter of Recommendation

*One letter of recommendation from an **academic** recommender is required. Please provide the below information about this recommender. (Please have the letter sent to the address provided on the final page of the application, either with your application or separately.)*

1. _____
Name Job title Relationship to applicant

_____ Address

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Phone E-mail address

PART V – References

Please list three references which do not include the above. At least one reference must be personal and one academic. The third may be personal, academic, or professional.

1. _____
Name Job title Relationship to applicant

_____ Address

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Phone E-mail address

2. _____
Name Job title Relationship to applicant

_____ Address

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Phone E-mail address

3. _____
Name Job title Relationship to applicant

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Phone E-mail address

PART VI – Essays

Please answer the following two questions in essay format on a separate page. Each should be 750 words or less.

1. Why are you applying to the Auschwitz Jewish Center Fellows Program? Please include what you feel you can offer to the Fellows Program, as well as what you hope to gain from it. Make sure to describe your previous experience with Holocaust or genocide studies, human rights, and social improvement. Please also consider how your previous experiences would affect your fellowship and how you would use the experience of the program in your future studies and endeavors. (750 words or less)
2. Please choose **one** of the following statements to use as the basis of a reflective essay.

“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” (Elie Weisel, *Nobel Acceptance Speech*, 1986)

“Despite the rise of Auschwitz as a symbol of the Holocaust generally, the story of the town escaped public notice. Having a community attached to the nearby death camp might suggest a normality and stability that did not fit into the consciousness of the Holocaust as an aberrant event. For many writers on the Holocaust, camps did not belong to towns; they were treated as terror zones outside any moral community set historically in place...” S. Bronner, “Inventing and Invoking Tradition in Holocaust Memorials,” in: *New Directions in Folklore*, Issue 4:2 October, 2000.

“The standards of a civilized state, the state with ages-old traditions of tolerance and amicable co-existence of nations and religions should be binding on its citizens... We have become aware of the responsibility for our attitude towards the dark pages in our history. We have understood that bad service is done to the nation by those who are impelling to renounce that past. Such attitude leads to a moral self-destruction.” (Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, July 10, 2001, Jedwabne, Poland)

