



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 30, 2023
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Route To: Middle School Teachers and Administrators
From: New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
Deadline: October 18, 2023

9/11 Student Essay Contest

The Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Institute is partnering with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to enhance children's understanding surrounding the events of September 11, 2001. The **9/11 Never Forget** Mobile Exhibit Essay Contest challenges New Jersey 8th-grade students to research and write an essay detailing the good that came after the 9/11 attacks.

Specifically, what acts of selflessness immediately followed the 9/11 attacks? Who performed the acts? What made those actions impactful? Who did those acts benefit?

The goal is to educate students about the events that transpired on 9/11 and highlight the everyday heroes who helped America recover in the days and weeks after the 9/11 attacks.

Key steps/actions

Students in 8th grade from the State of New Jersey are eligible to participate. Students must fill out this [form](#) and send the form, along with their essay, to the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education at:

New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
PO Box 500
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

The deadline for submissions is October 18, 2023. The winning essay will receive a visit from Tunnel to Towers' Foundation 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit in the spring of 2024.

For more information please visit the Tunnel to Towers [website](#).

Contact Information

For more information please contact the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education at (609) 376-3778 or holocaust@doe.nj.gov.

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