



## Meaningful World Launches the Thirty-First Annual Krieger Contest on How to Prevent Genocides & Wars?

### FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Essay or video, subject: "What the Legacy of Genocide Means to Me"

### 2026 Awards

- ▣ \$200.00 for High School student winner (5 awardees)
- ▣ \$250.00 for College/University student winner (5 awardees)

#### Eligibility and Submission Criteria:

1. Students must be enrolled in high school (Grades 10-12) or college/university (undergraduate level).
2. Essays must be original and unpublished.
3. Essays must include social, psychological, philosophical, or human rights perspectives, and ideally should reference to multiple genocides both current & past, multiple references, books, research, and eyewitness accounts.
4. Essay must explore the concept of denialism practices against all genocides that are mentioned in the essay
5. Essays must be in English, typewritten, double-spaced, and 1,000-2,000 words in length.
6. Must include the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians and other Christian minorities in 1915 and 2023 Azerbaijan's Ethnic cleansing in Artsakh.
7. All submissions become the property of Meaningfulworld and will not be returned.
8. We encourage the use of [Columbia Armenian Oral History Archive, 1968-1977 | Rare Book & Manuscript Library | Columbia University Libraries Finding Aids](#)
9. All entries must be postmarked by **24 April 2026**. The winners will receive personal notifications by May 2026. Awards will be given at the United Nations in June 2026.

### NEW VIDEO CONTEST

#### We welcome you to submit a short film, same deadline as above & same awards:

1. The videos must follow the theme of the Annual Krieger Essay contest on preventing genocide on the subject of "What the Legacy of Genocide Means to Me."
2. The participants must be enrolled in high school (grades 10-12) or college/university students.
3. Videos must be original, unpublished, creative and must be in English with references at the end of the film.
4. The videos must include social, psychological, philosophical, or human rights perspectives and should reference to multiple genocides (minimum of 3, must include Ottoman Turkish Genocide, and Azeri ethnic cleansing) multiple references, research, and eyewitness accounts.
5. The videos must be less than 8 min long.
6. The videos must include information on minimum of 3 genocides. It must include Ottoman Turkish Genocide of Armenians & other Christian minorities, current events in Artsakh plus genocide of Native Americans.
7. The video must include ways to transform govt. denialism towards the committed genocide.
8. The sounds and video images must be clearly recorded and easily viewed.
9. All videos will be viewed by the committee and a selected few will be posted on social media for public voting.
10. A video collecting the highest Liking of the viewers will be the winner of the contest.
11. The winner will be granted the title *The Best Video of the Year* and viewed at our UN event in June 2026.

**Our Motto: When one helps another, BOTH become stronger!**

**Please include:** cover letter indicating name, address, age, year of study, e-mail & personal contact, name of school/college attending, college major field of study, and career objectives and Email:

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