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THE WIESENTHAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Official high school transcript from each institution attended
- A photocopy of acceptance letter to a post-secondary institution
- A 250-500 word essay OR video submission describing community involvement
- One (1) reference letter from a teacher or staff member who has considerable knowledge of applicant's background, community involvement & notable qualities
- Completion of the entire application package, including a signature and date

The following materials are optional and should be included if the applicant feels that they will provide additional insight into his or her character:

- An additional reference letter from a community leader and/or mentor
- Resume

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 23rd WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

Application packages must be *received* by **March 23, 2012**

Mail completed application package to:

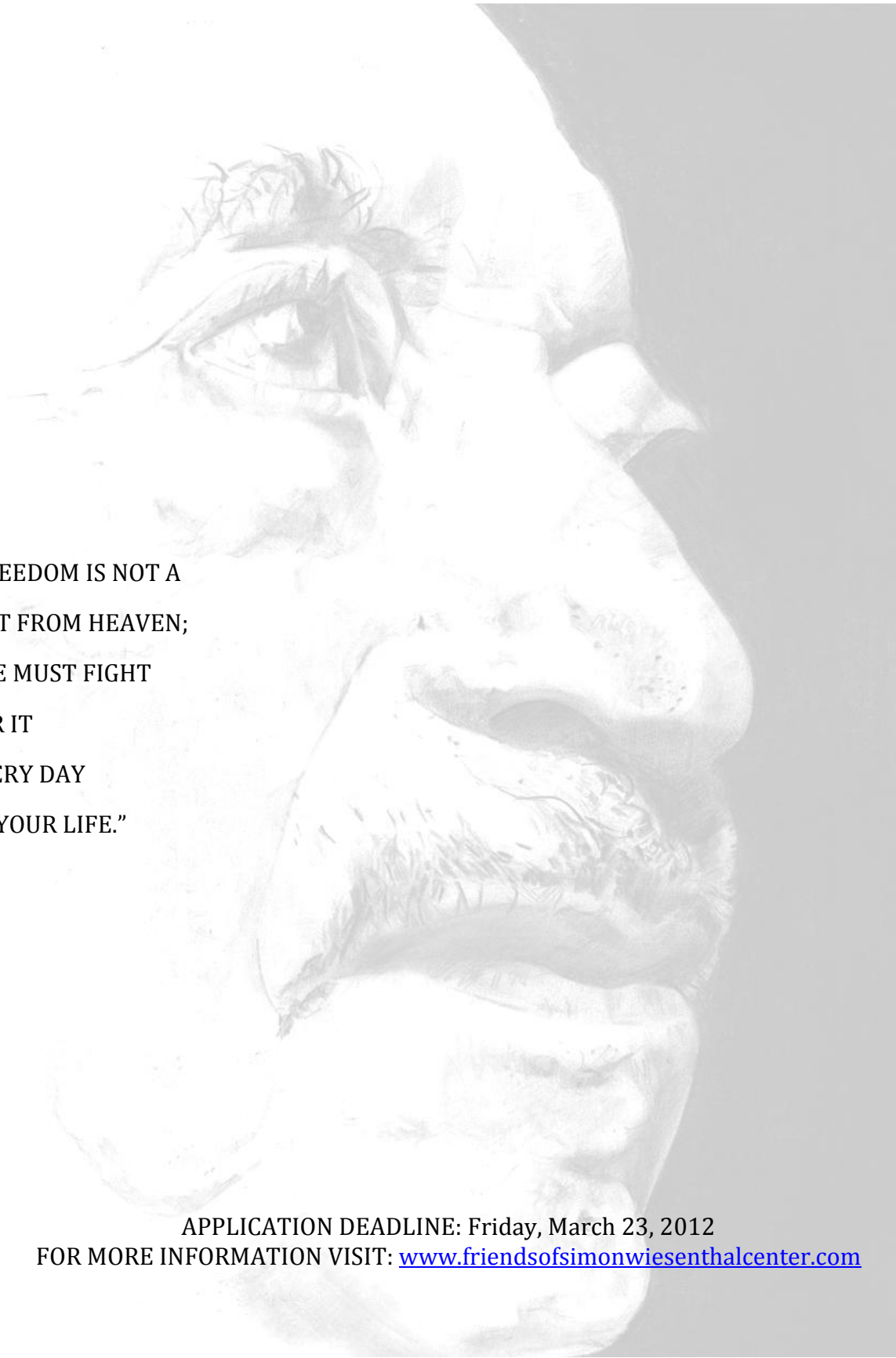
**Wiesenthal Scholarship Application
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies
5075 Yonge Street, Suite 902
Toronto, Ontario
M2N 6C6**

FURTHER INQUIRIES

Please contact Melissa at 416-864-9735 ext. 24 or mmikel@fswc.ca.

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“FREEDOM IS NOT A
GIFT FROM HEAVEN;
ONE MUST FIGHT
FOR IT
EVERY DAY
OF YOUR LIFE.”

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 23, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.friendsofsimonwiesenthalcenter.com

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ABOUT FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) is a nonprofit, human rights organization. They support the international efforts of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. FSWC counters antisemitism, hate & intolerance through education & advocacy; promotes tolerance, justice & human rights & strives to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive through education.

Simon Wiesenthal was an author, a human rights advocate and Holocaust survivor. Having survived the most horrific event in history, he dedicated the rest of his life to pursuing Nazi war criminals. Simon Wiesenthal held very strong beliefs on how to create a more peaceful world. He believed in the need for **tolerance** - to be respectful of all human beings regardless of age, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation. **Human rights** for all needed to be protected and promoted. Mr. Wiesenthal believed in **justice**; as he dedicated his life to tracking down Nazi war criminals, he emphasized that his mission was not an act of revenge. He felt that the perpetrators of these horrific crimes needed to be held accountable for their actions.

Finally, Simon Wiesenthal believed in **education** as a route to positive change.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

The Wiesenthal Scholarship was established in 2010 to recognize students who best exemplify the ideals which guided Simon Wiesenthal: tolerance, justice & human rights.

The scholarship is designed to recognize students who have demonstrated leadership in these areas within their local and/or school community. The successful applicant will have embodied these ideals through their words, actions and commitments.

The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies will distribute 3 entrance scholarships to students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education during the 2012-2013 school year. The first place scholarship will award the student \$1000 and recognition at the 2012 Spirit of Hope Benefit. Second place will receive a \$500 scholarship and third place will receive a \$250 scholarship, in addition to recognition at the 2012 Spirit of Hope Benefit.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Wiesenthal Scholarship will be awarded to a student who:

- has demonstrated leadership & involvement in projects which promote tolerance, justice & human rights
- is pursuing a field of study wherein he/she can infuse tolerance, justice & human rights
- demonstrates a willingness to continue his/her involvement in community-based projects which will promote tolerance, justice & human rights

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ELIGIBILITY

Students who will be considered for the scholarship must display the following criteria:

- Must be in their final year of high school
- Average of 75% or higher
- Applicant must have strong community involvement or leadership connected to social justice, tolerance and/or human rights
- Applicant must be willing to take part in a scholarship interview either in person or via conference call to discuss eligibility

****Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will take place in early April.****

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2012 WIESENTHAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Please list all schools you have attended starting with the most recent

School	City	Years Attended

Name of Current School: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____ School Fax Number: _____

Post-Secondary Institution to attend: _____

Address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Intended Area of Study: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Please provide a description of the 3 locations where you gave your greatest number of community service hours for graduation.

LOCATION/ACTIVITY	
YOUR ROLE AND START/END DATES (MM/YYYY)	
WHAT PROMPTED YOUR INVOLVEMENT?	
IMPORTANCE	

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TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS IN HIGH SCHOOL: _____

