

Maltz Museum Presents

STOP THE HATE

The logo for 'STOP THE HATE' features a central graphic of a globe with four hands holding it. The hands are colored red, blue, black, and grey. The word 'STOP' is in red, 'THE' is in grey, and 'HATE' is in black. The text 'Maltz Museum Presents' is positioned above the main title.

\$100,000 ESSAY CONTEST

for Northeast Ohio 6-12th Graders

You have the power to make a positive difference in the world.

We want to know how you have been and can continue to be an agent of positive change. Honestly and thoughtfully respond to the prompt below. Share what you've learned through your life experiences and tell how you'll apply that knowledge in helping to create a brighter future.

Let your friends know you are participating in the *Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out* essay contest!

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Grades 6-10 ESSAYS DUE FEB. 16, 2023, 11:59pm

Grades 11 & 12 ESSAYS DUE FEB. 23, 2023, 11:59pm

This year we honor the courage and spirit of activists of the Civil Rights Movement whose legacy is explored in the Maltz Museum's special exhibition, *This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*. Inspired by lyrics to the African American folk anthem, "This Little Light of Mine," sung as an expression of unity in the fight for equality and justice for all, we invite you to share how you shine your light as an agent of positive change in your community.

*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

For the essay contest: In 500 words or less:

1. Write about a personal experience of injustice, bias, discrimination, or exclusion: something you witnessed or experienced, or a moment when you learned about an unjust situation or event that affected you or others.
2. How did this moment impact you and others?
3. Reflect on the idea of "light" as a metaphor. Where can we find "light" in this situation? How have you or will you shine your light as an agent of positive change in your community? How does shining a light (standing up or telling your story) help you and others?

Step 1 of 4

Student Information

Student First Name *

Student Last Name *

Age *

Please select one



Grade in school *

Please select one

