

Maxine Cohen

For Hope for Humanity Educator Award



MAXINE COHEN AWARD - Awarded to a K-12 educator who has demonstrated the moral courage of an upstander in defiance of prejudice and discrimination, and in support of humanity.

Since 1975, Maxine Cohen has spearheaded Holocaust education in San Antonio and south Texas. A longtime leader in the San Antonio Jewish community, she pioneered an educational model that was one of the earliest in the United States to teach about the Shoah. She developed an approach to an understanding of the Holocaust that challenges students to think critically about the choices that they make in their lives, and about what kind of society they want to have in our country. In both her professional and personal life, Maxine has demonstrated her passionate belief in the importance of civic engagement in our democratic society.

To be presented at the For Hope for Humanity Benefit, March 25, 2020. Submit nominations to education@hmmsa.org or mail to 12500 NW Military Hwy, Ste. 200, San Antonio, Texas 78231.

All nominations due by January 24, 2020.

Nomination Criteria:

- Assists students in recognizing the distinction between right and wrong and to be an outstanding, humane person.
- Encourages students to speak out boldly against prejudice, bigotry and hate.
- Demonstrates personal qualities of integrity, moral courage, responsibility, and a respect for humanity in his or her actions.
- Defines the differences between an Upstander and a Bystander and helps students develop the courage, attitudes and behaviors that lead to good citizenship.
- Helps students develop the ability to appreciate different perspectives, recognize oppressive ideas and resist coercive regimes.
- Identifies the universal lessons that can be learned from the study of the Holocaust and other genocides.
- Works to ensure that future generations will learn the lessons and understand the importance of respect and tolerance for others.

Nominations for these awards presented by the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio may be accepted from private citizens, community and religious groups, Holocaust Centers, government officials, etc. All nominations will be reviewed and selected by the HMMSA Commission.

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Please Return To:

Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio
12500 NW Military Hwy, Suite 200
San Antonio, Texas 78231
OR EMAIL: education@hmmsa.org

Nominee (first & last name)

Mailing Address (street, city, zip code)

Email Address

Nominated by (first & last name)

Email Address

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR

Submit an essay up to three pages that highlights the nominee's qualifications and addresses the Nomination Criteria on page one.

Supplemental material may attached to this application.

