

Scholarship Application Project for the Lili Bialar z"l Memorial March of the Living Scholarship Fund

Lili Bialar was 14 years old when the Nazis started bombing her town in Poland the day before she started 8th grade on September 1, 1939.

Lili grew up in a shtetl (little provincial town) as a happy child, the youngest of six children, in a loving and observant Jewish family. Never did she dream of the nightmare that was to be her life for the next six years during World War II. She escaped the hands of the Nazis and then survived starvation and illness in Siberian labor camps for several years, and after the war Lili continued on, resilient and especially positive. She glowed with love and admiration for her family and friends, always finding the good in them. Even later in life when other difficulties befell her, she didn't dwell on the negative, never played the victim, and lived with the faith that tomorrow would be a better day. In darkness she found light, and if you were down, she picked you up.

To apply for this scholarship, please honor the memory of Holocaust survivor Lili Bialar z"l, who passed away on January 26, 2012, by writing a fictional or non-fictional story or creating a poem, song, painting or video that is inspired by the essence of someone like Lili.

After reflecting on this, please incorporate into your project the attributes of Lili, a teenager who, despite adversity and unimaginable hardship, was able to continue with a positive attitude toward the world and those around her. Or reflect on a personal triumph of yours or someone you know who overcame adversity or tremendous hardship in their lives. Feel free to create something unique and express yourself freely.

Deadline: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Please contact Marcia Tatz Wollner at marcia@motlthewest.org, 858-395-3590 when your project/submission is ready

Scholarship applicants must complete the full March of the Living application. Scholarship recipient must already have been accepted onto the March of the Living. Submissions become the property of the Lilia Bialar z"l Memorial March of the Living Scholarship Fund

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