



Rescuer Nomination Instructions

A person may be nominated as a **rescuer** when information based on survivor testimony or other documentation clearly demonstrates that a person risked his or her life, freedom, and safety to rescue one or several people from the threat of death or other bodily harm during a genocide or mass killing. The rescue must have occurred without exacting monetary or other rewards. The opportunity to be nominated applies equally to rescuers who are alive today or who have passed away.

Criteria for nomination

1. Nominators should use the official **A World of Upstanders** submission form below.
2. People may nominate another or themselves.
3. Nominations are invited from anywhere around the globe.
4. Nominees may be living or deceased.
5. Nominations should be completed by survivors and/or others who are aware of the rescue attempt. If a rescuer self-nominates, substantiating information is requested.
6. Nominations should be written in **English**. If translation assistance is needed, please contact admin@worldwithoutgenocide.org.
7. Detailed criteria can be found at www.worldwithoutgenocide.org/a-world-of-upstanders.

Please submit the following form (pages 3-5 and attachments) to admin@worldwithoutgenocide.org by April 1, 2015. Selections will be announced by April 15, 2015.

Criteria for the rescuers

A. To be considered an upstanding rescuer, an individual must:

1. Have acted during a genocide¹ or similar atrocity crime² since the Holocaust.
2. Have acted at the risk of personal safety and/or freedom to him/herself or to his or her family or loved ones.
3. Have rescued or attempted to rescue or have given shelter, food, medicine, and/or safe passage to one or more individuals (not biologically related) in the targeted group from acts of atrocity³.
4. Have acted without exacting compensation or other forms of reward.

B. Submissions should:

1. Be completed by survivors and/or others who were present and aware of the rescue attempt to the fullest extent possible.
2. Include all known personal data on rescuers and survivors, a detailed account of the rescue attempt (how the contact with the rescuer was made; the form of rescue; places and dates of rescue; what arrangements or agreements were made between rescuers and survivors; how the danger to the rescuers manifested itself; and any other details that may illuminate the nature of the rescue).
3. Include any documents that can authenticate the rescue attempt and the survivors' fate: official documents from the time; letters or diaries; photographs of survivors and of rescuers, post-conflict correspondence between survivors and their families or between rescuers and their families; post-conflict memoirs or testimonies by survivors; testimony of other people who may have known about the rescue (neighbors, other survivors, etc.); or any other documents that may shed light on the act of rescue and the relationship between rescuers and rescued.
4. Be written in English. If translation is needed, please contact admin@worldwithoutgenocide.org.

¹ **Genocide:** Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

(a) Killing members of the group;

(b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

(c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;

(d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

(e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

² **Atrocity crime:** an extremely wicked or cruel act including but not limited to: torture, displacement, forced sterilization, rape, sexual violence, forced relocation, starvation, forced disappearance, bodily harm, unlawful detention or incarceration, etc.

³ Reference footnote 2

Nomination for Upstanding Rescuer

1. Nominator's personal information (if self-nominating, fill out part 2)

First name: _____ Middle name(s): _____ Surname: _____

Country of origin: _____

Contact information (current residence)

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postal zip code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Connection to the person you are nominating: _____

2. Nominated person's personal information

First name: _____ Middle name(s): _____ Surname: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Date of death (if applicable): _____

Country of origin: _____ Ethnicity: _____ Occupation: _____

Contact information (current residence, if available)

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postal zip code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

3. Details about rescue

Please complete the following about the rescue.

Date(s) of rescue (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

Person(s) rescued, nation of origin/ethnicity, and relation to rescuer:

Note: The rescuer must have acted to save one or more individuals outside his or her own biological family.

Name of rescued: _____

Nationality/ethnicity: _____

Relation to rescuer: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

(Attach another page for more names if necessary)

4. Attachments

A. Typed description of the act of rescue (1,000 words maximum), including:

1. A thorough description of the setting and act of rescue;
2. How the rescuer acted at the risk of personal safety and/or freedom to him/herself or to his or her family or loved ones;
3. Nature of rescue (i.e. provided food, shelter, medicine, and/or safe passage)
4. Whether the rescuer received any compensation or other forms of reward.

B. Any documents that can authenticate the rescue attempt and the survivors' fate, including any/all of the following:

1. Official documents from the time;
2. Letters or diaries;
3. Photographs of survivors and of rescuers, post-conflict correspondence between survivors and their families or between rescuers and their families;
4. Post-conflict memoirs or testimonies by survivors;
5. Testimony of other people who may have known about the rescue (neighbors, other survivors, etc.); and/or
6. Any other documents that may shed light on the act of rescue and the relationship between rescuers and rescued.

Authentication

I hereby declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information enclosed is completely accurate and in accordance with the **Rescuers Criteria**. I grant World Without Genocide permission to use my name, the name of the nominated rescuer, and the enclosed materials freely and publicly online and in print and to archive the materials for future reference and use. I absolve World Without Genocide of any legal consequences to which this may lead. How about rephrasing this last sentence: World Without Genocide has no legal responsibility for the content provided in this document. (or something like that)

Nominator name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness

I hereby declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information enclosed is completely accurate.

Witness name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____