



2023 State Contest Special Awards

Student must pay close attention to each special award criteria. **You should aim to apply for no more than two (2) special awards.** For application instructions, please refer to the State Qualifier packet.

African American History Award

Award amount: \$150 Junior; \$150 Senior

Award Sponsor: Department of History, The Ohio State University

Award Criteria: The Department of History at The Ohio State University offers this award to any outstanding project in the Junior or Senior Divisions that investigates a topic related to the historical contributions of African-Americans in the United States.

The American Founding Award

Award amount: \$250

Award Sponsor: The Ashbrook Center, Ashland University

Award Criteria: An excellent essay related to the study of the Declaration of Independence and/or the U.S. Constitution.

George Washington Leadership Prize

Award amount: \$250 Junior; \$250 Senior

Award Sponsor: Washington Library, George Washington's Mount Vernon

Award Criteria: This award recognizes outstanding projects in both the Junior and Senior categories that demonstrate a clear understanding of the ideas and events defined by Washington's life, leadership, and legacy. In addition to outstanding historical interpretation, this award gives special consideration to projects that seek innovative and compelling ways to tell the story of George Washington so that his timeless and relevant life are accessible to the world.

The History of Education Award

Award Amount: A 529 college savings plan valued at \$250 - one (1) Junior Award and one (1) Senior Award

Award Sponsor: Ohio's 529 Plan, CollegeAdvantage

Award Criteria: This award is sponsored by Ohio's 529 College Plan, CollegeAdvantage and is given to one Junior and one Senior project in any category that focuses on the history of education in the United States.

***Important Application Note:** By applying for this award, students and their families agree to complete all necessary steps to accept the award, including attending a student-family meeting with award sponsors and creating a 529 Plan account. Failure to do so by the deadline may result in the forfeiture of the special prize.*



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National Maritime Historical Award

Award amount: \$100 Junior 1st; \$100 Senior 1st; \$50 Junior 2nd; \$50 Senior 2nd

Award Sponsor: National Maritime Historical Society

Award Criteria: National Maritime Historical Award is given to one outstanding project in each the Junior and Senior categories that explores a topic related to Maritime History. The first place winners in each division will be awarded a \$100 cash prize (for the individual or to be split among the group), a one-year membership in the National Maritime Historical Society and their name and project will be featured in Sea History magazine and on www.seahistory.org. The second place winners will receive a \$50 cash prize (for the individual or to be split among the group), a one-year membership in the National Maritime Historical Society and their name and project will be featured in Sea History magazine and on www.seahistory.org. Potential maritime topics for this year's theme include (but are not limited to): War of 1812, the Spanish American War, Whaling, Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and/or The London Naval treaty of 1930, Roosevelt's Great White Fleet, and more!

Ohio Academy of History Award

Award amount: \$100

Award Sponsor: Ohio Academy of History

Award Criteria: The award will be given for an outstanding documentary, website or paper on a topic from any area of the world outside of North America.

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award

Award amount: \$100 Senior; \$100 Junior

Award Sponsor: Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board

Award Criteria: Eligible projects are individual or group, junior or senior division entries in the categories of papers, websites and documentaries. Projects must demonstrate exceptional use of Ohio primary sources, either originals or copies (such as digital) and either created in Ohio or held by an Ohio repository. Primary sources represent a first-hand account contemporaneous with the events or people researched.

The Ohio Local History Alliance Award

Award Amount: \$100 Senior; \$100 Junior

Award Sponsor: Ohio Local History Alliance

Award Criteria: This award is presented to one Junior and one Senior project that most successfully meet the following criteria: 1. The project is focused on an Ohio local history topic or a topic of national or world history that draws a significant connection to Ohio or a community within Ohio. 2. The project uses archival or object collections found within an Ohio historical society, museum, or library.



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Ohio Pride History Award

Award amount: \$250

Award Sponsor: Equitas Health Institute

Award Criteria: The Ohio Pride History Award, sponsored by the Equitas Health Institute, will be awarded to an outstanding project in the junior or senior division, in any category, focused on the history and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community on a state or local level. Student projects must clearly reflect the theme of History Day and demonstrate balanced research and a clear understanding of the topic and its place in history. Because LGBTQ+ history is often not recorded in traditional formats, non-traditional research methods are encouraged (collection of oral histories, use of photos/newspaper clippings, etc.)

The Ohio Women in Government Award

Award amount: \$150 Senior; \$150 Junior

Award Sponsor: League of Women Voters of Ohio

Award Criteria: The Ohio Women in Government Award is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Ohio for outstanding Ohio History Day projects, in any category, that focuses on a women's political movement or a woman leader in local, state or national government. Project must be well-researched and include accurate citations in the bibliography. Project may be a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or website.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame History Award

Award amount: 2 Pro Football Hall of Fame admission tickets

Award Sponsor: Pro Football Hall of Fame

Award Criteria: This award will be given to the student who shows "excellence" in Sports History. Not only should the award go to a project that discusses an athlete or sport and how they were celebrated on the field, but off the field as well - focusing on the values of sport; characteristics like commitment, integrity, courage, respect and honesty.

The Society of Ohio Archivists Award

Award amount: \$100 Junior; \$100 Senior

Award Sponsor: Society of Ohio Archivists

Award Criteria: The award is given to a project that demonstrates exceptional research and use of primary sources to include at least two of the following: letters, speeches, diaries, newspaper articles from the time, oral history interviews, documents, photographs, artifacts, or anything else that provides a first-hand account about a person or event. History Day Project winners must have used primary resources on site at a research institution housing those materials. All primary sources must be cited accurately in the bibliography of the paper.



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