



2017–18 Florida History Day

# SPECIAL PRIZE NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Students can nominate their Florida History Day project for a special prize in a maximum of **two** categories that relate to their topic. Each winner in an individual or group entry receives a prize. To be eligible, students must submit a nomination packet, described below. The Cubberly and the Mapping History Awards have restricted category eligibility, but all other prizes are open to entries in both divisions and all categories.

Name of prize	Prize sponsor	Prize description
<i>African American Heritage Award</i>	The Jensen Family	Active Tallahassee citizens, the Jensen family is a long-time supporter of Florida History Fair. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a black history topic.
<i>American Colonial Heritage Award</i>	Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.	SAR is a lineage society whose members are descendants of patriots who gave service to the fight for American freedom. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry relating to US colonial history.
<i>American History Innovation Award</i>	In memory of Norman Schroeder	Sponsored by the family of Norman Schroeder, World War II veteran, innovator, and FHF judge, this prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with social or technological innovation topics.
<i>Best Use of Primary Sources</i>	Society of Florida Archivists	SFA individual and institutional members are dedicated to identifying, preserving, and using historical records. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry with at least twenty primary sources of varying types in the bibliography.
<i>Celebrate Freedom Award</i>	The James Madison Institute	A Florida-based research and educational organization, JMI apprises Florida citizens about government and public policy. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with the impact of an immigrant or immigrants to the US.
<i>Economic Freedom Award</i>	The James Madison Institute	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about an important economic episode in US or world history.
<i>Florida Heritage Award</i>	Florida Historical Society	Established in St. Augustine in 1856, FHS is the state's oldest existing cultural organization. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with Florida history.
<i>Florida Historic Preservation Award</i>	Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources	DHR works to preserve and teach the public about of Florida's historical, archaeological, and cultural resources. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a historic property or archaeological site that has been preserved with public funds, or about people, groups, or movements involved in historic preservation in Florida.
<i>Florida Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Award</i>	Florida Lighthouse Association	The mission of FLA is to preserve, restore, protect, and defend Florida's lighthouse structures, records, and material culture. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a lighthouse or maritime history topic relating specifically to Florida.
<i>Frederick Cubberly Florida History Award</i>	Florida Historical Society	The prize is awarded to an outstanding <b>historical paper</b> in either division that deals with a Florida history topic.
<i>Hispanic Heritage Award</i>	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Fort San Luis Chapter	The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about Hispanic history.
<i>Holocaust Education Award</i>	Florida DOE Task Force on Holocaust Education	The Task Force prepares and assists school districts for teaching the history of the Holocaust. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry that commemorates or interprets the story of people who died in or survived the Holocaust.
<i>Legal Heritage Award</i>	National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Fort San Luis Chapter	The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry relating to a legal or civics history topic.

<i>Mapping History Award</i>	Florida Geographic Alliance	Founded with National Geographic Society support, FGA encourages the inclusion of geography learning in K–12 and post-secondary curricula. The prize is awarded to an outstanding <b>exhibit</b> dealing with maps or a geographic topic.
<i>Military Heritage Award</i>	Vietnam Veterans of America, Florida State Council	The Vietnam Veterans of America is a service organization that assists all veterans and their families. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a military topic from any era.
<i>Native American Heritage Award</i>	Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.	FGCIA represents the interests of Native Americans in Florida and advises the Governor on matters affecting them. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about native peoples, anywhere or in any era.
<i>Science Heritage Award</i>	Tallahassee Scientific Society	TSS includes scientists, engineers, educators, and laypeople who are dedicated to increasing scientific literacy in Florida and the local area. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a science history topic.
<i>Space Heritage Award</i>	Florida Space Grant Consortium	FSGC supports the expansion and diversification of Florida’s space industry by providing funding to educators and students. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a space exploration or technology topic.
<i>Spirit of ’45 Award</i>	Southwest Florida Veterans Alliance Inc.	This award is sponsored in honor of Peter Thomas and his life’s work for World War II veterans. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a person, event, or innovation that relates to Florida’s role in WWII.
<i>Sports Heritage Award</i>	Specialty Sportswear and Promotions Inc.	A Tallahassee-based business since 1996, Specialty Sportswear provides tee-shirts and promotional items for businesses and individuals. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a sports-related topic.
<i>Women’s Heritage Award</i>	Junior League of Tallahassee	The Junior League of Tallahassee is committed to improving the lives of children and families through effective educational and charitable actions. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry relating to women’s issues or accomplishments.
<i>World War II Heritage Award</i>	Florida State University Institute on World War II and the Human Experience	The Institute collects and preserves the memorabilia of service men and women, defense personnel, and volunteers in the WW II and post-war era (1939–49). The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a war-related event, person, or innovation during that time period.

## To apply for a Special Prize

Each special prize nomination must include four items, stapled together in the order listed below. You must send **three copies** of the packet. If you are nominating your project for two prizes, you must complete a separate packet for each entry, but they can be mailed together in one envelope.

- **Special Prize Application Cover Sheet**
- **Nomination narrative.** On a separate sheet, describe in at least 100 but no more than 200 words why your topic is significant in history and how it relates to the special prize category that you selected.
- **Process paper.** A process paper is required for exhibit, documentary, performance, and website entries. Historical paper entries will have to create a process paper, following guidelines presented in the 2014 NHD Rule Book on pages 18–19.
- **Annotated bibliography.** Attach your project’s required annotated bibliography.

Nomination packets must be received at the Florida History Day office by **March 16**. Faxed packets will not be accepted. Mail your packet to: **FHD Coordinator, Museum of Florida History, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399–0250.**