



2018–19 Florida History Day
“Triumph and Tragedy in History”

A WORD ABOUT FHD PRIZES

The Florida History Day website provides information about a variety of student and teacher awards (floridahistoryday.com, “Awards and Prizes”), and FHD staff send county coordinators the nomination guidelines and forms several weeks before prize applications are due.

Three types of student prizes are based on the topic that an individual or group decides to research. Students who advance to the state contest may nominate their project for up to two **Special Prizes** if their topic relates to any of twenty-two themes, such as African American, Hispanic, legal, maritime, military, or women’s history. Junior and senior division entries in the historical paper or documentary categories may apply for a **\$500 scholarship presented by the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants** if their topic meets criteria established by the organization. In addition, a **\$150 scholarship** (divided equally among group projects) is **offered by the National Maritime Historical Society** for a topic that relates to maritime history.

As students think about topics related to “Triumph and Tragedy in History,” they might decide to research a historical event, individual, or idea that will make their project eligible for a special prize or scholarship. The following documents provide information about the special prizes and scholarships. FHD staff are in the process of confirming Special Prize sponsorships for 2019, so county coordinators might notice slight changes when the final guidelines and forms are distributed in January. However, knowing about the range of prize options now might influence the research topic that a student selects.