



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, Florida Digital History, and the Mapping History Awards have restricted category eligibility, but all other prizes are open to entries in both divisions and all categories.

PRIZE NAME AND SPONSOR	PRIZE DESCRIPTION
African American Heritage Award <i>The Jensen Family</i>	Active Tallahassee citizens, the Jensen family is a long-time supporter of Florida History Day. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a Black history topic.
American History Innovation Award <i>In memory of Norman Schroeder</i>	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.
American Revolution Heritage Award <i>Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.</i>	SAR is a lineage society whose members are descendants of patriots who gave service to the fight for American freedom. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry that falls within the time frame of 1754 to 1797 of US history.
Best Use of Primary Sources <i>Society of Florida Archivists</i>	SFA individual and institutional members are dedicated to identifying, preserving, and using historical records. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry with at least twenty primary sources of varying types in the bibliography.
Celebrate Freedom Award <i>The James Madison Institute</i>	A Florida-based research and educational organization, JMI apprises citizens about government and public policy. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with the impact of an immigrant or immigrants to the US.
Colonial Americas Heritage Award <i>Florida Council for History Education and La Florida Digital Archive of the Americas</i>	Sponsored by two organizations that support and provide history education resources for teachers and students, this prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with events, issues, or actions that took place between 1513 and 1821.
Economic Freedom Award <i>The James Madison Institute</i>	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about an important economic episode in US or world history.
Florida Digital History Award <i>State Archives of Florida</i>	This prize is awarded to an outstanding documentary or website on a Florida topic incorporating primary source archival media (photographs, film, audio recordings).
Florida Archival Research Award <i>State Archives of Florida</i>	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry on a Florida topic incorporating original records obtained from archival collections residing in a Florida archive, university library, historical society or similar institution. Digital collections maintained by these institutions also qualify.
Florida Heritage Award <i>Florida Historical Society</i>	Established in St. Augustine in 1856, FHS is the state's oldest existing cultural organization. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a Florida history topic.
Florida Historic Preservation Award <i>Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources</i>	The Florida Division of Historical Resources preserves and teaches the public about Florida's historical, archaeological, and cultural resources. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a <i>historic property or archaeological site</i> located in Florida (e.g., building, fort, ship, battle site, place where major events took place, or a site where archaeological excavations have occurred); or <i>traditional cultural practices</i> passed down over time (e.g., canoe making, sponge diving, dance, music, or ritual or festive traditions); or a <i>person</i> significant in Florida history who is associated with saving, locating, or researching a historic place or building, or passing down traditional cultural practices.
Florida Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Award <i>Florida Lighthouse Association</i>	The mission of FLA is to preserve, restore, protect, and defend Florida's lighthouse structures, records, and material culture. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about a lighthouse or maritime history topic relating specifically to Florida.

Frederick Cubberly Florida History Award <i>Florida Historical Society</i>	The prize is awarded to an outstanding historical paper in either division that deals with a Florida history topic.
Hispanic Heritage Award <i>National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort San Luis Chapter</i>	The DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women’s organization that promotes patriotism, preserving American history, and improving education for children. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about Hispanic history.
Holocaust Education Award <i>Florida DOE Task Force on Holocaust Education</i>	The Task Force prepares and assists school districts for teaching the history of the Holocaust. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry that commemorates or interprets the story of people who died in or survived the Holocaust.
Legal Heritage Award <i>National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort San Luis Chapter</i>	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry relating to a legal or civics history topic.
Mapping History Award <i>Florida Geographic Alliance</i>	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 exhibit dealing with maps or a geographic topic.
Military Heritage Award <i>Vietnam Veterans of America, Florida State Council</i>	The Vietnam Veterans of America is a service organization that assists all veterans and their families. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a military topic from any era.
Native American Heritage Award <i>Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs Inc.</i>	FGCIA represents the interests of Native Americans in Florida and advises the Governor on matters affecting them. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about native peoples, anywhere or in any era.
Science Heritage Award <i>Tallahassee Scientific Society</i>	TSS includes scientists, engineers, educators, and laypeople who are dedicated to increasing scientific literacy in Florida and the local area. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a science history topic.
Space Heritage Award <i>Florida Space Grant Consortium</i>	FSGC supports the expansion and diversification of Florida’s space industry by providing funding to educators and students. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a space history, exploration, or technology topic.
Sports Heritage Award <i>Specialty Sportswear and Promotions Inc.</i>	A Tallahassee-based business since 1996, Specialty Sportswear provides tee-shirts and promotional items for businesses and individuals. This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with a sports-related topic.
Women’s Heritage Award	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry relating to women’s issues or accomplishments.
World War II Heritage Award <i>Florida State University Institute on World War II and the Human Experience</i>	The Institute collects and preserves the memorabilia of service men and women, defense personnel, and volunteers in the Second World War and post-war era (1939–49). This 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 separate copies of the packet.** If you are nominating your project for two prizes, you must complete an entire packet for each entry; however, the six entry copies may 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 all entries. Follow the guidelines presented in the *NHD Rule Book* on page 19.
- **Annotated bibliography.** Attach your project’s required annotated bibliography. Follow the guidelines presented in the *NHD Rule Book* on page 19-20.

Nomination packets must be received at the Florida History Day office by **March 26, 2021**. Faxed packets will not be accepted. Mail your packet to:

**FHD Coordinator,
Museum of Florida History,
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399–0250.**

