



2011-12 Special Prizes

Nomination Guidelines

Applying for a Special Prize

Students can nominate their history fair project for a special prize in nineteen categories. Each winner in an individual or group entry receives a \$50 U.S. savings bond. To be eligible, students must submit a nomination packet, described below. A project can only be nominated in two categories. Note that the Cubberly Florida History and the Mapping History Awards have restricted 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 fought in or gave service to the fight for American freedom. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with U.S. colonial history.
<i>American History Innovation Award</i>	In memory of Norman Schroeder	This award is sponsored by the family of Norman Schroeder, a World War II veteran, innovator, and FHF judge. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry dealing with technological or social innovation topics.
<i>Best Use of Primary Sources</i>	Florida Virtual School	Florida's premier online public school, FLVS offers virtual courses in an individualized environment. 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 appraises 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 U.S.
<i>Economic Heritage Award</i>	The James Madison Institute	This prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about an important economic episode in U.S. 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 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 Florida lighthouse or maritime history topic.
<i>Frederick Cubberly Florida History Award</i>	Florida Historical Society	The prize is awarded to an outstanding historical paper in either division that deals with a Florida history topic.
<i>Hispanic Heritage Award</i>	Springtime Tallahassee Charitable Foundation	Springtime Tallahassee is a civic organization dedicated to promoting and preserving Tallahassee history. The prize is awarded to an outstanding entry about Hispanic history.
<i>Holocaust Education Award</i>	Peter A. Cowdrey, Jr.	A member of the Florida DOE Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education, Mr. Cowdrey is a former Florida History Fair state coordinator. 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>	Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.	FLRA is dedicated to improving the administration of justice and strengthening democracy through civic education programs for students. 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 in 1987 with support from the National Geographic Society, 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 .
<i>Military Heritage Award</i>	Vietnam Veterans of America, Florida State Council	The VVA is a veteran’s service organization dedicated to assisting 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 (Two prizes)</i>	Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.	A private, nonprofit corporation established in 1974, FGCI represents the interests of Native Americans in Florida and advises the Governor on matters affecting them. A prize is awarded to an outstanding entry in the junior and the senior division, in any category, dealing with native peoples worldwide.
<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	Initiated in 1989 with support from NASA, 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>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 a nonprofit organization of women 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.

Nomination packet

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.

Your nomination packet should include:

- **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 web site entries. Historical paper entries will have to create a process paper, following guidelines presented in the *NHD Rule Book* on pages 10–11.
- **Annotated bibliography.** Attach your project’s required annotated bibliography.

Nomination packets must be received at the Florida History Fair office by **March 23**. Faxed packets will not be accepted. Mail your packet to:

**Florida History Fair Coordinator, Museum of Florida History
500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399–0250**