

National History Day in Missouri
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STATE CONTEST SPECIAL PRIZES

Please complete the online form and submit the appropriate paperwork to apply for special prizes at the state contest:
<http://www.nhdmo.org/special-prize-application.html>

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Women's History Prizes

Three \$100 awards given to the best **individual entries** in the junior and senior **performance or documentary** categories on women's history. This prize is awarded by the American Association of University Women, a network of women and men dedicated to removing barriers that block women from full equality.

PLEASE NOTE: *You must submit your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Jewish History Prizes

Awards for up to two entries—historical paper, documentary, performance, or website—on Jewish history, by the United Hebrew Congregation of Joplin and Temple Israel of Springfield, to encourage students of all backgrounds to investigate any period, setting, or aspect of Jewish history. SEE BELOW FOR SUGGESTIONS. In addition to following the General Rules for History Day projects and the Category Rules, entries should place the topic in the context of the Jewish history of the time and place.

Just a few possibilities include:

- Ancient Israel during the Bronze and early Iron Ages
- Jews in the Hellenistic World and Roman Empire
- Jews as minorities in Christian or Islamic societies
- European Jewish communities during the Crusades.
- Expulsions of Jews from some European countries, 1200s-1500s
- Jewish immigration to the North America, South America, South Africa, or Australia
- Jewish life in the United States
- the emergence of modern antisemitism
- the Holocaust
- notable Jewish figures in philosophy, science, politics, sports
- the history of modern Israel
- the emancipation of the Jews in Europe (or specific countries) in the eighteenth and nineteenth century
- Jewish communities in Missouri or other states/regions
- Jewish authors in North America, Europe, and Israel
- Jews in theatre, popular entertainment, and music

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Jewish History Prizes are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Joplin Regional History Prizes

Two \$100 awards given to the **best junior and senior entries in any category** featuring historical events, people, businesses, activities, geology, geography, battles, architecture, etc. where subject matter has a major or minor connection to Newton or Jasper County, Missouri, using current or previous boundaries. The prizes are

awarded by Historic Murphysburg Preservation, Inc. (a volunteer, non-profit organization in Joplin, Missouri) to encourage students to investigate any period, setting, or aspect of history and to relate their discoveries to HMP's mission of historic preservation and education.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Joplin Regional History Prizes are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, or video/photographs of your exhibit, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Local History Prize

One \$150 award for the **best entry** in any division or category that uses published or unpublished local government records, unpublished manuscript sources of a local nature, or local photograph collections. The award is presented by Lynn Morrow, former Director of the Local Records Program of the Missouri State Archives, and Kristen Morrow. This prize was established to encourage students to relate the theme of National History Day to a local topic and to advocate the use of local records in the research of that topic.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Local History Prize are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, or video/photographs of your exhibit, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Missouri Press Association Prize

A \$200 award for the **best entry** in any division or category that features the history of journalism, newspapers, or a journalist. This prize is provided by the Missouri Press Association to encourage Missouri scholars participating in National History Day to explore the vibrant history captured by journalists and shared by the newspaper industry.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Missouri Press Association Prize are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, or video/photographs of your exhibit, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Floyd C. Shoemaker Prize

One \$300 award for the best **senior division historical paper** dealing with the history of Missouri, either its events or personalities. Shoemaker, secretary and director of The State Historical Society of Missouri (1915-1960), created this award to support the advancement of Missouri history in the universities, colleges, and high schools throughout the state.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Floyd C. Shoemaker Prize are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit your paper (title page, process paper, paper, and annotated bibliography combined into one document) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Adolf and Rebecca Schroeder Missouri German Heritage Prize

One \$300 award presented in honor of Adolf and Rebecca Schroeder for the **best entry** relating to German immigrant contributions to Missouri. Entries may focus on a community in Missouri founded by German immigrants; German-American achievements in the arts, agriculture, business or science; a German-American cultural or musical group; or an individual or family history.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Missouri German Heritage Prize are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, or video/photographs of your exhibit, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Prize

One certificate and \$200 cash prize for the best senior individual entry relating to American Civil War or Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history in the period before, during, and after the American Civil War including Reconstruction, and throughout the life of the GAR, 1865-1949. This prize is awarded by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PLEASE NOTE: *Entries for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Prize are judged prior to the Saturday contest. You must submit a copy of your paper or documentary, a link to your website, a video of your performance, or video/photographs of your exhibit, as well as your project paperwork (process papers and annotated bibliographies) on the special prize form by March 25, 2026.*

Strickland Memorial African-American History Prizes

Five \$100 awards, one in each category, from an endowment established by Dr. Arvarh E. Strickland, Department of History, University of Missouri-Columbia to the **best entries** on African-American history. The award is open to both junior and senior divisions.

McVean/Kateman History in Performance Award

One \$300 award presented to the **best entry** in any division of the performance category, either to a group or individual, that tells an untold or underrepresented story in history. Entries may focus on individuals, communities, or events. This award was established by the McVean/Kateman Playwright's Showcase Fund.