

2018 NHD NATIONAL FINALISTS

Congratulations to all National Finalists!

Welcome to **TEAM WISCONSIN!** We are excited to have you represent the great Badger State at the National Contest for National History Day June 10-14th at the University of Maryland.

In this envelope you will find a few basics about the contest. **To access all of the online forms, additional information, and digital copies of these materials, please visit: nhdinwi.weebly.com** The (NATIONALS) tab contains all of the information you need!

No matter which travel option you choose, read all of the information and follow the instructions in that packet. Deadlines and information vary based upon which option you choose.

- Travel Option 1) Take the TEAM WISCONSIN bus and stay in the dorms at University of Maryland
- Travel Option 2) Travel to Maryland with your family, stay in the dorms at the University of Maryland
- Travel Option 3) Travel to Maryland and stay at a hotel near campus

Feedback Opportunities and Interview Practice for National Finalists: May - June

You can contact the NHD in Wisconsin staff to make arrangements for someone to discuss your project in-depth before the contest. ***We'll send out an email to suggest some possible times and places to meet physically or remotely once we know the makeup of this year's Team Wisconsin.***

IF YOU CAN'T COME TO THE NATIONAL CONTEST

Contact the NHD in Wisconsin staff so that we can offer your spot to another project.

Please tell us as soon as possible, so that the alternate students have time to plan their trip.

You must notify us by May 1, 2018.

Email: historyday@wisconsinhistory.org

Phone (608)264-6487

IF ONE OF YOUR GROUP MEMBERS CAN'T COME TO THE NATIONAL CONTEST

Contact the NHD in Wisconsin staff to discuss your situation. The NHD national office might allow you to compete without them, but ***the absent member will need to fully register and pay the \$150 registration fee by the May 15th due date.***

2018 NATIONAL CONTEST – CATEGORY NOTES

PAPERS by May 15th

You need to submit your project to the NHD national office in **two different formats**:

- (1) **Upload a PDF copy of your paper** when you register online according to the instructions posted here:

<https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/Paper%20Upload%20Instructions.docx.pdf>

** 11:59pm ETD = 10:59pm Wisconsin time

- (2) **Mail four copies of your paper** to this address:

PAPERS
National History Day
4511 Knox Road, Suite 205
College Park, MD 20740

You need to complete both of the submission methods above by May 15 in order for your project to be considered by the judges at the National Contest.

WEBSITES by May 15th

Publish your website through the NHD Website Editor before 11:59pm EDT (that's one hour earlier than Wisconsin time) on Tuesday, May 15. After the deadline has passed, you will be locked out of editing.

PERFORMANCES

Bring at least 8 copies of your process paper and bibliography. If you qualify for a Final Round, you will need them all.

Pack a repair kit with safety pins, needles, thread, tape, glue, and whatever else you might need to fix damage to your props and costumes.

DOCUMENTARIES

Bring at least 8 copies of your process paper and bibliography. If you qualify for a Final Round, you will need them all.

Burn a DVD of your project and test it on a DVD player, not a computer, before you leave Wisconsin. Then bring as many backup formats as you can, including YouTube videos, flash drive files, and laptops with connection cables. **Bring at least two formats to the National Contest. Do not rely solely on internet access.**

EXHIBITS

Bring at least 6 copies of your process paper and bibliography. Four copies will remain with your project in the Exhibit Room throughout the National Contest.

Pack a repair kit with tape, glue, paint, pens, markers, blank paper, and whatever else you might need to fix damage to your project. Only students are allowed into the Exhibit Room for set-up; adults and friends may not help set-up.

WHAT TIME WILL I BE JUDGED?

Students will be told their judging times when they register at the National Contest in Maryland. The earlier you visit the check-in desk in the Stamp Student Union, the earlier you'll know the answer. **NHD in Wisconsin staff will not be given this information ahead of time.**

Announcements about Performance and Documentary Final Rounds will be made on NHD.org and "live" in the Stamp Student Union at 7:00pm Monday for the Junior Division and at 7:00pm Tuesday for the Senior Division. The NHD National Office won't announce which projects made the Final Rounds in other categories until the end of the week.