



History Fair Independent Scholar Intent-to-Participate

Students who attend schools that do not offer the Chicago Metro History Fair (CMHF), as well as home-schooled students, are still eligible to participate in the History Fair. "Independent Scholars" must follow the rules of the Chicago Metro History Fair which means that *all projects must have a metro Chicago or Illinois connection* to enter the competition. The National History Day theme is not required unless the student wants their project to be considered for selection.

A \$35 non-refundable participation fee is required for each student. For group projects, each student should submit this form, along with the participation fee. This fee entitles students to enter the appropriate regional History Fair, attend coaching sessions, consult staff, receive prizes, and be eligible for awards and/or advance to higher levels of competition. If a student(s) cannot pay the fee, please attach a letter requesting a fee waiver.

In order to participate as an Independent Scholar, submit this form along with the fee, to **Chicago Metro History Fair, 1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614**, at least six weeks prior to the competition. This form does not constitute actual registration in the contest. CMHF will contact the student to officially register two weeks prior to the deadline. See Events page on the website for a complete list of History Fair competitions.

Participate in the Junior Division (6-8th grade) Participate in the Senior Division (9-12th)

Name _____

Full Home Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Are you participating as an individual, or with a partner? Individual Group

If a group project, name(s) of partner(s) _____

Type of Project: Paper Exhibit Documentary Performance Website

Topic (if known) _____

Do you plan to use the NHD theme? Yes No

Required Signatures

I affirm that the entry submitted for competition was researched and developed by me during *this school year*. My school does not offer the History Fair. I understand that the History Fair and the Chicago History Museum, its staff, and sponsors will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects and personal belongings during the activities. I also understand that my entry is subject to all rules and procedures and may be presented at several different sites and on the Internet.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I give my child permission to participate in the Chicago Metro History Fair as an independent entrant. The Chicago Metro History Fair is a program of the Chicago History Museum that serves the students and teachers of the Chicago metropolitan area through history education. Photographs and video footage taken at History Fair events or through the course of the students' project development may be used in printed and electronic materials for education or reporting purposes to help us explain and promote the program to potential sponsors, educators, and the public. Student names may also be used. It may also be used for the awarding of prizes. By signing this waiver, you grant the Chicago History Museum and the Chicago Metro History Fair the irrevocable permission to use images and/or the name of your child for these purposes. Granting or withholding permission will not affect your child's evaluation in any way. *I waive all claims for compensation and hold the Chicago Metro History Fair and the Chicago History Museum harmless from any claims or damages related to such filming, taping, photographing, or interviewing.*

Parent Signature _____ Date _____