

Illinois 2018 National History Day Qualifier Information

Congratulations! You have been selected to represent Illinois at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day competition at the University of Maryland campus in College Park, Md., **June 10-14, 2018**. Selection to represent your state at the national contest is a great honor, and we congratulate you on your achievement. This packet reviews important information you need to know in order to plan your trip to Nationals.

If you will NOT be able to attend NHD for any reason, please notify CMHF IMMEDIATELY so that we may contact the alternate in time for them to register.

Pre-Contest Dates to Remember...

NHD Prep Meeting at the Chicago History Museum	May 8
Online registration deadline	May 15
Website entries locked for judging	May 15
Papers uploaded and 4 paper copies received by	May 15
Scholarship applications received by	May 15
Illinois NHD Participant Info Survey	May 24

NHD Prep Meeting... The annual NHD Prep Meeting will be held at the Chicago History Museum (1601 N. Clark St. in Chicago) at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. Important information about rules, the NHD experience, and the contest will be shared with students, teachers, and family members who plan to go to National History Day. By appointment only: students may arrive as early as 3 p.m. for coaching on their projects. Only a limited number of slots are available; others are by appointment. Please RSVP: 312.799.2153 or historyfair@chicagohistory.org by Monday, May 7 at 12 noon.

Coaching... CMHF strongly encourages all students who attend Nationals to continue revising your projects between State and Nationals. Even though your projects are already fantastic today, all projects have the potential to become something greater with a little extra effort. You might stumble across a great source in an archive you hadn't yet encountered, interview someone you will long remember, or enhance your historical argument in a way that moves you to the head of all of your peers into Finals, or perhaps even a prize. Your predecessors who have made the trip to NHD in past years have shown remarkable improvements in their projects through coaching and revisions. CMHF wants to help. We've seen a lot of projects over the years (including those at nationals) and are rarely short on ideas about how to improve! We hope that you will seek coaching at the NHD Prep Meeting or make an independent appointment.

Online Registration... National History Day uses online registration for students, teachers, parents, alumni, and other supporters who attend the National contest. Spend some time reviewing the Registration Instructions and this packet prior to beginning your registration. They contain important information about opportunities at the national contest, registration information, and logistical details. More information found at www.nhd.org/register.

If you do not have access to the internet, notify CMHF IMMEDIATELY at 312.799.2153 in order to make alternate registration arrangements.

The link to online registration will sent out by the affiliate coordinator, Lisa Oppenheim. The registration deadline is **May 15**. Do not be late—there is a big late fee charged by NHD! **Expect to spend at least an hour reviewing the information on the site and completing the registration process. It is STRONGLY recommended that you NOT wait until the last day to begin registration. BE PREPARED.**

GROUP qualifiers: Each member of your group must register and pay registration fees, even if a member is unable to attend.

To register for the contest, you will need the following items:

- Home Telephone Number
- Home Contact Information
- Email Address
- Medical and Health Information (Including Medical Insurance Policy Number)
- Teacher Name and School
- Chaperone Name and Cell Phone
- Entry Category, Division and Title
- If part of a Group Entry, the entry’s “team key” provided by NHD
- Credit Card Number (if applicable)
- Purchase Order Number (if applicable)

Registration and Other Fees...

Student registration (per student, not per entry)	\$150/student
Handling fees (for exhibits or props sent to NHD; doesn't include shipping costs)	\$25/package
Parent registration	Free
Wireless internet access during contest	\$15
TEACHER registration and workshops (see course descriptions on HF –NHD webpage)	
Teacher registration w/o workshop	\$60
One day of professional development workshops	\$50
All workshops on Monday and Tuesday	\$90

NHD ONLINE REGISTRATION: GETTING STARTED

1. **Read the NHD National Contest Registration Instructions to familiarize yourself with the process.**
2. After **your teacher** has created their account, you will click on the link provided by Lisa Oppenheim, which will take you to the Registration homepage.
3. Click on the Registration tab and then select “student.”
4. You will be asked to verify your email address by clicking on the link in the system email you receive.
5. You will then enter your personal contact information and create a password.
6. Click “Save and Continue.”
7. You will then enter your information about your entry. If you will create an entry or link to an entry your teammate has already created. The first student in a group to create an entry will receive an NHD generated “team key” that must be shared with other members and used during registration. All members must register.
8. You will then be prompted to provide additional information including chaperone details, mailing address, medical info, and waivers.
9. You will enter information for any contest fees to complete registration.
10. You will be able to nominate your entry for up to two special prizes clicking on the “Special Award Nomination” button on the confirmation screen.

Accommodations... Many Illinois students choose to stay in the University of Maryland dorms with other National History Day participants. The air-conditioned dorms and dining hall are great places to meet other participants, trade buttons, and catch the spirit of NHD – not to mention being close to contest activities and the chance to experience a bit of college life. The Illinois delegation will stay together in the dorms and dorm-dwellers will have convenient midnight access to your coordinator who will be enjoying dorm life and dorm food with you. Most participants who choose to stay in the dorms enjoy their stay and report that spending time in the dorms with other NHD participants makes the experience more fun and memorable. Parents, teachers, and other friends and family members traveling with you are all welcome to stay in the dorms with Team Illinois. **All students who stay in the dorms must have a chaperone. Register online for dorm accommodations and meals at the same time you are registering your personal information.**

Dorm-Dweller ALERT: To ensure that you get the roommate you requested, you must send your request to Lisa at the History Fair by May 19. She is in charge with working with the UM Housing Department to ensure you get your choices.

Please note: must rooms are doubles and there’s a very limited amount of triple rooms. Adults should know that no single rooms are possible.

Campus Housing and Meal Packages

Package 1.....\$458

Lodging: Saturday, June 9 to Thursday, June 14. Meals: 4 dinners, 4 lunches, 5 breakfasts.
Meals Only Package A: \$186

Package 2.....\$384

Lodging: Sunday, June 10 to Thursday, June 14. Meals: 4 dinners, 3 lunches, 4 breakfasts.
Meals Only Package B: \$158

Package 3.....\$294

Lodging: Monday, June 11 to Thursday, June 14. Meals: 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 3 breakfasts.
Meals Only Package C: \$124

Additional housing following the contest (meals not included): Thursday, Friday, or Saturday: \$67 per night

***If you are staying additional nights:** Depending on the dorm to which you are assigned, there is a chance you may have to move from one dorm room to another if you are staying past the conclusion of the contest.

Hotels: Hotels near campus book quickly during NHD. You might try the list below or check our webpage. Starred hotels have reserved rooms for NHD participants; ask for the special rate for “National History Day June 2018.” If rooms are booked, try hotels in neighboring towns.

Sheraton College Park North
4095 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
Tel: 301.937.4422
www.sheratoncollegeparknorth.com

Holiday Inn College Park
10000 Baltimore Blvd.
College Park, MD 20740
1-800-HOLIDAY
www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/college-park/wascb/hoteldetail

Courtyard Marriott
6301 Golden Triangle Dr.
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Tel: 301.441.3311
www.marriott.com/search

Holiday Inn Greenbelt
7200 Hanover Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Tel: 800.280.4188
www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/greenbelt/wasgb/hoteldetail

Other hotels are on the History Fair's NHD page....

Transportation... Transportation to College Park is on your own. Three major airports serve the University of Maryland: Reagan National, Dulles, and BWI. Details for reaching campus are available at: <https://www.nhd.org/register/travelshipping>

All three airports are served by Super Shuttle for those who prefer the convenience of a direct shuttle. Call 1-800-BLUE-VAN for schedule and rate information.

Though it may be a bit less convenient with luggage, the UM-CP campus is accessible from all three airports via public transportation. From **National**, take Metro (subway) to the College Park Metro stop, then a free bus to campus. From **Dulles**, a Metro bus will take you to the nearest Metro subway station where you can catch the train to the College Park Metro stop. The **B30 Express Bus** from **BWI** will take you to the Greenbelt Metro where you can board the train for one stop to then pick up the UM shuttle bus which will deposit you in front of the Stamp Student Union. Arriving too late? The walk from the College Park stop to the heart of campus is about 1.5 miles; cabs are often available.

Visit https://www.wmata.com/schedules/timetables/upload/B30_170625.pdf for more information about the B30 Metro Bus route between BWI and the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Free shuttles from the **College Park Green Line Metro stop** to campus will run during peak hours from Saturday through Thursday. The shuttle schedule is available on the NHD website.

You may want to pack the majority of your Illinois NHD trading buttons in your checked luggage in order to avoid any potential concerns with airport security.

All-Illinois Pizza Party ... Sunday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Hornbake Library Plaza (just below the Student Union). Join the Illinois delegation after the Welcome Ceremony for free pizza and fun. Extra t-shirts and additional buttons will be available for NHD participants. RSVP with the number of people who will attend.

PR and Fundraising... It is an honor for your community to be able to celebrate your achievements with you. We hope that you will contact local media outlets to let them know your news. CMHF and ALPLM will send out press releases announcing the national qualifiers, but usually stories break because of student, teacher, and parent efforts to get the story into the media. **Don't be shy! Share your good news!** We know that attending National History Day is both a privilege and an expense. Your school may or may not be able to help you with the costs. We encourage you to use the enclosed fundraising letter to raise financial support with community organizations and institutions. Local businesses and groups are often excited to give donations to students who have earned such high honors. The attached letter may help earn their support.

Questions? If you have questions about registration, NHD Prep, or events at the national contest, contact us at 312.799.2153 or historyfair@chicagohistory.org.

Mobile Phone Information for National Contest:

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Contest Rule Book and NHD Evaluation... In addition to the logistical information, you must consult the Contest Rule Book for NHD. Please note there are a number of minor, yet important, distinctions between the rules and evaluation at National History Day and those in Illinois, so please read carefully.

Visit http://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/Contest-Rule-Book_2.pdf to download a PDF of the NHD Rulebook.

The **General Rules for All Categories** are found on p. 14-19. Pay particular attention to Part B, "Required Written Materials for All Entries," especially the information about the required "Process Paper." **You will not submit a Summary Statement Form at the national contest, but you will submit a 500-word Process Paper.** The process paper is the first impression your NHD judges will have of your project, so take the time to do it right. The CMHF staff is happy to review any drafts.

The **Individual Category Rules** for exhibits, papers, documentaries, websites, and performances are located on p. 20-35. Examine the rules carefully to avoid a rule infraction. You do not want to risk a rule infraction at this level of competition!

The **NHD Evaluation Form** includes important information about the criteria on which your project will be judged. Keep these criteria in mind as you revise your project. You can find a sample of your category's evaluation form at:
<https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/merged-11.pdf>

NHD does not rely on a score-based approach to evaluation within each judges' clusters or on the individual project evaluations.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2018 CONTEST SCHEDULE for ILLINOIS

<p>Saturday, June 9 2-8 PM</p>	<p><u>OPTIONAL</u> Dorm check-in</p>	<p>Stamp Student Union</p>
<p>Sunday, June 10 9 AM – 8 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Dorm and Project Registration Exhibit set-up Welcome Ceremony ALL-ILLINOIS PIZZA PARTY</p>	<p>Stamp Student Union Colony Ballroom, Grand Ballroom McKeldin Mall (big lawn) Hornbake Library Plaza</p>
<p>Monday, June 11 8 AM – 9:30 AM 8 AM – 9:30 AM 8 AM – 3 PM 9 AM – 4 PM 10 AM – 4 PM 5:30 PM – 9 PM 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM</p>	<p>Late registration (Juniors) Exhibit set-up (Juniors & Seniors) Registration (Seniors) Teacher workshops JUNIOR JUDGING Exhibit set-up (Seniors) Exhibit public viewing Teachers' social Student dance</p>	<p>Stamp Student Union Stamp Student Union Stamp Student Union TBD See program Grand Ballroom, SSU Grand Ballroom, SSU Adele's Restaurant, SSU Reckord Armory</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 12 8 AM – 9:30 AM 8 AM – 9:30 AM 9 AM – 4 PM 10 AM – 4 PM 7 PM – 9 PM 5 PM – 10 PM</p>	<p>Late registration (Seniors) Exhibit set-up (Seniors) Teacher workshops SENIOR JUDGING Exhibit public viewing Junior Doc. & Perf. Finals</p>	<p>Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, SSU TBD See program Grand Ballroom, SSU Stamp Student Union</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 13 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM 9 AM – 9 PM 10 AM – 5 PM 5 PM – 9 PM 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Senior Doc. & Perf. Finals Exhibit public viewing Exhibits Displayed at NMAH Exhibit take-down ALL-ILLINOIS ICE CREAM SOCIAL & POSTER PARTY (rsvp)</p>	<p>Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom, SSU Washington, D.C. Grand Ballroom, SSU Dorm (specifics TBA)</p>
<p>Thursday, June 14 7 AM – 8:30 AM 8:30 AM – 12 PM 12 PM – 1 PM 12 PM – 5 PM 1 PM – 3 PM</p>	<p>Exhibit take-down AWARDS CEREMONY Pick up certificate packets Exhibit take-down Check out of residence halls/dorms</p>	<p>Grand Ballroom, SSU Xfinity Center Heritage Hall, Xfinity Center Grand Ballroom, SSU</p>

For Late-Breaking Details: Follow our Facebook page: Chicago Metro History Fair