



History Fair: An Investment in Your Students' Education

Schools that participate in the Chicago Metro History Fair are asked to join the History Fair Partners Program for an annual fee which contributes to the overall cost of providing History Fair services to the school's students and teachers. The majority of History Fair schools include the HF Partners fee in their School Improvement Plan and annual school budget, but in some cases schools may need to secure support from community sponsors, local businesses, parents, or donor websites.

The \$500 History Fair Partner fee provides the following opportunities for partners:

- Free registration for students for all competitions except NHD
- Free or at-cost registration for teachers at professional development workshops and invitations to all History Fair-sponsored events
- Free or at-cost educational materials for History Fair teachers and students
- Free coaching sessions where students can receive feedback on their projects from History Fair staff and trained volunteers
- Free phone, email, and remote face-to-face (Googlechat, Skype) consultation for students and teachers
- Opportunity to participate in special grant programs
- Discounted school/coaching visit
- Framed Certificate of Partnership

Schools participating in the History Fair for the first time will be charged an introductory rate of \$250.

Schools in exceptional circumstances may apply for a one-time fee waiver or reduced-fee waiver. Please complete the application on the next page and return to the History Fair office.

APPLICATION FOR HISTORY FAIR PARTNERS FEE WAIVER

History Fair schools facing exceptional financial difficulties may apply for a *one-time* waiver for the History Fair Partners fee. Submit waiver application to:

Chicago Metro History Fair
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60614
or
historyfair@chicagohistory.org

- Our school is requesting a reduced fee of \$_____ for the _____ school year.*

- Our school is requesting a History Fair Partners fee waiver for the _____ school year.*

School Name _____

History Fair Coordinator _____ Phone _____

Grade(s) participating in History Fair _____ Total # of students _____

Please explain the REASON your school needs a waiver for this year.

Our school values the History Fair educational experience! I commit to budgeting funds or finding the means (fundraisers, donations, student fees) to pay the full HF Partners fee in future years.

Principal Name (print)

Principal Signature

Date

Thank you for your commitment to the History Fair. We appreciate that you acknowledge the substantial benefits your students receiving by participating in the program. You will be notified within two (2) weeks about the status of your application.