



★ Key Dates

March 14, 2026 Wednesday	NHD-CA Regular Registration Opens Student Fee \$110 per student Teacher Fee \$30 per teacher attending
March 24, 2026 Tuesday (by 11:59 PM)	NHD-CA Regular Registration Closes Student Fee \$110 per student Teacher Fee \$30.00 per teacher attending To avoid a late fee, students must complete all steps of registration and make their payment by this date.
March 25 - 31, 2026	NHD-CA Late Registration During this period students may register for NHD-CA with an additional charge of \$25.
March 31, 2026 Tuesday (11:59 pm)	NHD-CA Late Registration Closes <u>NO</u> registration will be accepted after this date.
	Last Day for Registration Fee Refunds (see page 7)
	Special Award Nominations Due (see page 7) You can nominate your project for a special award in your student registration portal.
April 15, 2026 (by 8:59 pm)	Websites & Historical Papers Due Final Websites due: Locked for judge preview. Historical Papers must be uploaded using the Project Details page in your online registration portal. Instruction are on page 19.
April 21, 2026 Sunday	Civic Summit Registration Due For Senior Division students - See page 11
April 23, 2026 Thursday	Student Interview Schedule Posted Check the NHD-CA website at https://www.nhdca.org/nhd-ca-state-finals/ . The schedule will include your entry #, interview room, date, & time.



<p>April 29, 2026</p>	<p>School & District Checks Due Invoices & checks must be received by this deadline. Mail Checks along with a copy of your invoice to: Sacramento COE NHD-CA P.O. Box 269003 Sacramento, CA 95826-9003</p>																					
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<p>April 30, 2026 Thursday, 6:00 -9:00 pm</p>	<p>Early Check-In Students & teachers may check-in and pick up their contest packet & t-shirt.</p>																					
<p>May 1-3, 2026</p>	<p>NHD-CA State Finals CSU Sacramento See schedule on page 3 for contest details.</p>																					
<p>May 19, 2026 Tuesday</p>	<p>NHD National Competition Registration Deadline For California champions.</p>																					
<p>June 14-18, 2026</p>	<p>NHD National Contest, College Park, Maryland</p>																					