



★ Frequently Asked Questions

Do teachers have to register for the contest?

Yes. Teachers with students advancing to the state competition must register for NHD-CA. There is a \$30 registration fee for teachers attending the contest. Registration information can be found at: <https://www.nhdca.org/nhd-ca-state-finals/>

Do parent/guardians have to register for the contest?

Yes, parent/guardian registration is incorporated into the student registration. There is no fee for parents to attend.

What if someone else is paying for me?

If your school or another agency (district, county, PTA, etc.) is covering your \$110 registration fee, you will not need to make a payment.

Can a school or other agency use a credit card to pay for all of the students they are paying for?

Yes. contact Jennifer Morones at nhdca@scoe.net.

Do all students in a group have to be present at NHD-CA?

No. However, all members of a group must register and pay for the competition even if they can't attend. NOTE FOR GROUP PERFORMANCES: groups may rewrite the script, but MAY NOT add or replace group members.

Do I have to be at the NHD-CA competition for the whole time?

You must be present for your interview. For finals round judging, please check your category specific instructions page in the contest guide.

Can I pick what day my interview will be on?

No, all Junior Division student interviews will be on Friday. All Elementary and Senior Division interviews will be on Saturday.

What if I have a scheduling conflict?

In your student registration account you can go to the Project Details tab and request an earlier

or later interview time. You must do this by April 10th. We can't guarantee your time but will do our best.

When will I know my interview time?

The interview schedule that will be posted online at <https://www.nhdca.org/statecontest> on April 23rd.

Are physical exhibits & posters required?

Yes, all posters and exhibits must be physical. No virtual submission will be allowed.

May students change the title of their project or a misspelled name?

Yes, in your student registration account, you can go to the Project Details tab and change your title up until April 10th.

Will I have to pay for parking?

No, the university will have designated lots where you can park for free without a permit. See page 9 of the Contest Guide.

May a parent, chaperone, or teacher check in for students?

No, all students must pick up their own registration packet at check-in.

When can students set up exhibits & posters?

See the Entry Information page for your category.

When can exhibits & posters be removed?

See the Entry Information page for your category.

How many students will be at state?

We're expecting 1,625 students and about 912 entries.

Who are the judges?

History Day judges are volunteers. They come from a variety of professional backgrounds. They love history and working with young people.

What should I wear?

There is no dress code. Wear clothing that makes you feel confident. Only performance students may wear costumes.



Where can I eat?

There will be concessions available inside the Union.

How much money should I bring?

Bring money for food and other expenses while you are there. The merchandise store will be open and you can purchase NHD-CA grizzly bears, sweat-shirts, t-shirts, mugs, and buttons. NOTE: The merchandise store does not accept cash payments.

What should I do when I'm done being judged?

Students should bring games, music, or homework to the contest. You may also watch documentaries, podcasts and performances to support your friends being judged! You may also leave and come back later if you choose.

What if I need help with technology?

- **Limited** tech support will be available near Documentary & Podcast rooms during judging.

Is there Wifi on campus?

Wireless Internet Access: Select the open guest wireless network. The password is **Stingers1**

Why isn't the Exhibit Hall open all the time?

Judges and students have told us that it is hard to look at exhibits and talk with judges while the room is full of excited people. We are limiting access to exhibit areas to help keep distractions to a minimum and improve judging.

What should I do/bring for documentary, podcast or website technology?

Please look at the category-specific instructions so you can bring all necessary equipment to the contest.

Will final-round schedules be posted online?

Finalists will be announced live at the contest and also posted on the NHD-CA app.

What happens if I am a finalist?

See the Entry Information page for your category.

Do I need to be at the Awards Ceremony?

No. However, we encourage everyone to attend. If you are declared a California champion, we will notify you. We will host a zoom champions' meeting the week following NHD-CA.

Where do I go to get my entry number?

Entry numbers will be listed in the interview schedule posted online at <https://www.nhdca.org/state-contest> on April 23rd.

How and when do I get my score sheets?

Score sheets will be available to download once they have been reviewed. You will be sent information on how to download them after the contest.

Can parents and other participants watch an interview?

- **Documentary, podcast & performance** rooms are open to the public (space permitting). Please only enter rooms in between scheduled interviews. Phones must be on silent.
- **Historical paper & website** rooms are not open to the public.
- **Exhibit & poster** rooms are not open to the public. However, the exhibit/poster rooms will be open at designated times for students to share their projects and for contest spectators to enjoy the many amazing projects developed by California students. See Contest Schedule for public viewing dates & times.