2026
NHD-CA State Competition
Key Dates & Deadlines

Feb. 14 – March 14, 2026

Dates for County Contests
Check with your county coordinator for your local contest date.

3 projects in JR & SR division categories advance to NHD-CA
4 projects in Elem division categories advance to NHD-CA

March 11, 2026

NHD–CA Student & Teacher Online Registration Opens
$110 per student, $30 per educator

March 24, 2026
(11:59 p.m. PDT)

NHD–CA Registration Closes
$110 per students • $30 per educator

NOTE: Credit card payments from individuals are processed when registering.
All other payments (schools, other agencies) are due by April 29th.

Note for Groups
All members of a group must register & pay, but all members are not required to

March 25 – 31, 2026

NHD–CA Student & Teacher Late Registration
$25 per student additional late fee

March 31, 2026
(11:59 p.m. PDT)

Late Registration Closes
All students & teachers must be registered

Special Award Nominations Due

May 1-3, 2026

NHD–CA State Contest
California State University Sacramento

Project Deadlines

	Written Materials		Project Deadlines		
Category	**Due Date**	**Type**	**Project Upload** (website Lock)	**Type of Upload**	**Project Due**
Website	April 15th	PDF	April 15th - 8:59 PM	URL	
Hist. Paper			April 15th	PDF	
Documentary	April 29th	PDF	April 29th	Shareable Link	
Podcast	April 29th	PDF	April 29th	Shareable Link	
Exhibit	April 29th	PDF			At Contest
Performance	April 29th	PDF			At Contest
Poster	April 29th	PDF			At Contest

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