



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

California Foundation for History Education American Indian History Prize

The American Indian History prize is awarded to outstanding entries that demonstrate the importance of American Indian individuals, organizations, or nations in history, within this year's theme.

31011 Analise Chin

From Canoe to Court Case - The Northwest Fish-Ins of the 1960s

San Francisco

Lick-Wilmerding High School



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California Foundation for History Education

Asian American and Pacific Islander History Prize

California Experience Documentary Prize recognizes a junior and senior division documentary for excellence in documentary filmmaking related to California history. Documentaries that illustrate California's rich history through a variety of source materials, interviews, and film footage will receive special consideration.

22112 Sophie Bi, Sharon Yitong Qian, Keyi Xiong

Warrior of the Word: Maxine Hong Kingston's Literary Revolution

Orange

Sierra Vista Middle School



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Friends of NHD-CA

Bessie Reed McDonald Award for Women's History

31117 Amaira Gupta, Katelyn Wan, Leo Hsia, Kepler Quan

Fabricating Truth: How Quilts Broke Past Censorship in Chile

San Mateo

The Nueva School



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California Foundation for History Education

Black, Indigenous, and Women of Color in History Award

The Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Women in History Prize will be awarded to an outstanding entry on a woman of color in history. Topics may range from advocacy to political action for women's rights and representation, health care, education, voting reform and more. The sponsor encourages students to examine the role of women of color as leaders, organizers, community members and more through the juxtaposition of traditional and non-traditional historical narratives, such as an absent narrative.

36114 Anthony Calderon-Amilpa, Diego Falcon Calles, Valentin Ortigoza Leon

Incomplete Reform: The Not So Revolutionary Exclusion of Black Women from the Feminist Movement

Fresno

Edison High



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Bushong Family Bushong Award for Social Justice Legacy

The Bushong Award for Social Justice Legacy honors a junior and senior documentary that effectively uses primary sources to highlight people and events that have led to societal changes or social justice in American history within the time period of 1940-1980.

21036 Devan Gupta

Voices Unbound: The UC Berkley Free Speech Movement

Stanislaus

Agnes M. Baptist Elementary



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Education Liberation: How the Black Panther Party's
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Marginalized Students

Orange

Irvine High School



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21044 Alex Gao

**Silenced No More: How Chicana Women's Reaction to
Forced Sterilization Forced Medical Reform**

San Diego

Pacific Trails Middle



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California Office of Historic Preservation and California Historical Society California Historic Places

The California Historic Places Award honors two projects that focus on a specific site.

22008 Ali Hasan

**Taking a Stand Against Injustice: The Sleepy Lagoon Case
and the Zoot Suit Riots**

Santa Clara

Ocean Grove Charter



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Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group California History Prize

Awarded to an outstanding elementary entry that illuminates the history of California.

10020 Avnika Konduru

American Indian Movement: 1960's-70's

Fresno

Dry Creek Elementary



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Special Friends of NHD Performance Catalina Pacheco Memorial Award

The Catalina Pacheco Memorial Award is awarded to a winning junior division group performance that demonstrates strong historical inquiry and analysis.

24105 Isabela Cardenas, Lillian Chavez, Aaliyah Tejada, Grace Tiong

The Pink Cross Legacy: The Disappearing Women of Juarez

San Bernardino

Ray Wiltsey Middle



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Whitney Olson Educational Consulting
David Lee Memorial Historian Award

The David Lee Memorial Historian Award is awarded to an entry that has special emphasis on historical memory and historiography.

31005 Kane Tanabe

**The Boogaloo Revolution: How a Forgotten Dance Unified
1970s Oakland**

San Mateo

Carlmont High



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Lawson Family

Dr. Larry W. Sheffield Young Historian's Award

The Dr. Larry W. Sheffield Young Historian's Award honors an entry on a local or California individual who impact was historically compelling with special consideration given to a project's use of primary sources.

25111 Anita Ma, Quan Lo, Honbria Hung

Howling At Moloch: A Revolutionary Cry Against Postwar America

Los Angeles

Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Friends of NHD-CA

Elizabeth Avery Waring Award for Social Justice

The Elizabeth Avery Waring Award for Social Justice honors a junior division entry that focuses on social justice topics.

22018 Alekha Goldberg

**From Segregation to Statehood: Hawaii's Back-to-Back
Revolutions for Social Justice**

Kern

Peak to Peak Mountain Charter



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group Environmental History Prize

The Environmental History Award honors an outstanding junior or senior division entry that demonstrates outstanding study and discussion of the history of destruction or conservation of the natural environment. The historic events may be biological, geological, archeological or others that may be shown to be important. Events may be long-term or catastrophic.

10034 Lincoln Billinger

The Montreal Protocol and the Reaction to the Hole in the Sky

Humboldt

Jacoby Creek



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Friend of California History Day Environmental Justice in History

The Environmental History Prize honors an outstanding entry that focuses on a Environmental topic with an excellent connection to the annual theme.

25123 Eshaan Roychowdhury, Ayan Roychowdhury

Golden Scars: A Story of California's First Environmental Battle

San Mateo

Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Friend of California History Day

European History

The European History Prize honors an outstanding entry that focuses on a European topic with an excellent connection to the annual theme.

22025 Dean Mark Polendey II

Counter-Reformation Arts: An Artistic Reaction to Protestantism

Fresno

Alta Sierra Intermediate



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Friend of California History Day European History

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34101 Dahlia Adler, Grace Alexander, Eileen Kim

A Revolution Within the Revolution: How Feminist Activism During the French Revolution Sparked Reaction and Inspired Reform

San Diego

Francis Parker School



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

California Foundation for History Education Global Studies Prize

Global Studies Student entries should examine how the year's theme relates to the history of an area outside the United States.

31029 Ryan Amiri Kashani

Between Two Revolutions: How Ordinary Iranians Created Grassroots Change

Fresno

Clovis North High



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute History of the American Presidency Prize

25133 Aanya Chatterjee, Karen Keriakos, Carol Keriakos, Barsena Adel, Emily Kim

The Interstate Highway System: A Federal Reaction That Reformed America and Sparked a Revolution

Kern

Earl Warren Junior High



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

California Foundation for History Education **Immigration in History Prize**

The Immigration in History Prize recognizes projects that focus on the history of immigration. Students are encouraged to consider topics that are focused on the labor migrants who came to the U.S. between 1880 and 1930s, on the displaced persons who arrived in the U.S. after World War II, and on the refugees resettled in the U.S. after 1975.

32117 Ellie Huynh, Emily Huynh

The Mann Act: A Living Document of Legal Reform

Kern

Fruitvale Junior High



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Friend of California History Day Individual in History

The Individual in History Prize honors an entry that gives special analysis to the contribution of one individual to a topic. Special consideration given to entries that focus on the significance of the leadership of an individual.

22006 William Chan

Seeds of Change: Norman Borlaug's Impact on World Hunger and the Green Revolution

Stanislaus

Agnes M. Baptist Elementary



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35020 Francesca Holland

**The Freudian Revolution: How Reactions to
Psychoanalysis Led to Reforms in Therapy**

Orange

Portola High School



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Japanese American National Museum Japanese American National Museum Award

25032 Khloe Nguyen

**The Aftermath of Pearl Harbor: Japanese American
Resistance in Redefining American Identity**

Riverside

Prado View Elementary



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

California Foundation for History Education

Labor History Prize

The Labor History Prizes recognize projects that focus on the history of organized labor, including advocacy for change in working conditions or the rights of workers. The sponsor of this prize encourages students to examine labor history through a local lens and to research and explore topics in California Labor History.

24126 Mia Berryman, Masia Creamer

**Digging for Change: The Ludlow Miners and their
Revolutionary Fight for Reforms**

Orange

Sierra Vista Middle School

21009 Lali Ambati

**The Flint Sit-Down Strike: A Reaction That Led to
Revolutionary Reform in Labor Practices Across America**

Santa Clara

Castilleja School



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

National Maritime Historical Society

National Maritime Historical Society Award - First Place

First Place

23012 Atputhan Sivathanan

**Tsunami at Tsushima: Strategy, Innovation, and Birth of
Modern Naval Power**

Riverside

Corona Fundamental Intermediate



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

National Maritime Historical Society
National Maritime Historical Society Award - First Place
First Place

32028 Inaaya Hyder

The Fight Against Maritime Sexual Violence: Comfort Women and The Struggle For Redress

Contra Costa
California High



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California Foundation for History Education Prize for Latin and South American History

31117 Amaira Gupta, Katelyn Wan, Leo Hsia, Kepler Quan
Fabricating Truth: How Quilts Broke Past Censorship in Chile

San Mateo

The Nueva School



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Southern California Social Science Association Prize for Uncovered History

31005 Kane Tanabe

**The Boogaloo Revolution: How a Forgotten Dance Unified
1970s Oakland**

San Mateo

Carlmont High

33009 Shreyas Karnam

**"We Are Rising": Black American Classicists and the Late
Nineteenth-Century Revolution in Greco-Roman Studies**

Santa Clara

Harker School, The



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Annie Olson & Rhys Daily Queering the Narrative

31028 Grey Doshi

Talking AIDS to Death: Randy Shilts' Revolutionary Journalism

Los Angeles

Taft Charter High



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Friend of California History Day Science and Technology in History

32013 Ethan Hu

From "The Tyranny of Numbers" to "The Tyranny of Data":
How the Invention of the Integrated Circuit Forced Novel
Privacy Laws

San Diego

Bishop's School, The



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

California Council for Social Studies Social Justice and Diversity

10009 Rochelle Macwan

The Great Railroad Strike of 1877

Sacramento

Theodore Judah Elementary



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California Council for Social Studies Social Justice and Diversity

The Social Justice and Diversity Prize is awarded to entries that analyze topics on social justice and diversity.

22152 Levi Fink, Chloe Palmer

We Hold the Rock! - Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in the Alcatraz Occupation

San Diego

Francis Parker School



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32002 Abigail Ruelas

The Haitian Revolution: A Fight that Reformed Slavery and Sparked Global Reactions.

San Bernardino

Upland High



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group Social Justice History Prize

16113 Abbigail Sanchez, Abraham Holm

A Right to Learn - The IDEA That Changed Schools

Riverside

Seneca Elementary



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Friend of California History Day Social Justice in History

10009 Rochelle Macwan

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Sacramento

Theodore Judah Elementary



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

Inquire, Discover, Engage Education Group Sports in History Prize

16108 Isaac Menendez, Ezra Medina, Malachi Wu

"More Than A Game": How Tim Nugent's Revolutionary Ideas Changed Views

Orange

Acaciawood Preparatory Academy



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Friends of NHD-CA Stephenson Family Award for Sports History

21135 Davis Barbee, Krish Marfatia, Aryan Shah, Kaito Yamashita

**More Than a Game: How the St. Louis Cardinals
Revolutionary Act Against Segregation Led to MLB
Reforms**

Orange

Sierra Vista Middle School



SPECIAL AWARDS 2026

History Department, California State University Sacramento

The Clio Historical Paper Award

The Clio Award recognizes outstanding projects in the Historical Paper category, Senior Division. The champion, runner-up, and honorable mention projects in the Historical Paper, Senior Division, will be published in a forthcoming issue of Clio, the History Department's award-winning annual publication of student writing in history.

33010 Adam Fibrich

The San Francisco Freeway Revolt: The Seeds of Revolution in Urban Planning

Alameda

The College Preparatory School

33009 Shreyas Karnam

"We Are Rising": Black American Classicists and the Late Nineteenth-Century Revolution in Greco-Roman Studies

Santa Clara

Harker School, The



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History Department, California State University Sacramento

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33007 Anirvinyaa Bangole

**The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934: Revolution,
Reaction, and Reform in Federal Indian Policy**

Orange

University High School



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History Department, California State University Sacramento The Clio Historical Paper Award - Runner Up

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33002 Siri Chundru

The Jamkhed Model: How Addressing Religious Traditions in Medicine Led to a Revolutionary Model of Healthcare that Influenced Global Reform Despite Resistance.

Santa Clara

Harker School, The



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Bluestone Faircloth Olson, LLP

William E. Geary Award for Military History

The William E. Geary Award for Military History honors an entry that is focused on military history, with special consideration given to research that includes multiple perspectives, primary sources, and the experience of the individuals impacted by the topic.

25038 Max Castrapel

How the Revolutionary Harlem Hellfighters Helped Reform America

Orange

Sierra Vista Middle School