Special Awards – 2022 State Contest

African American History Award
Award amount: $100 Junior; $100 Senior
Award Criteria: The Department of History at The Ohio State University offers this award to any outstanding project in the Junior or Senior Divisions that investigates a topic related to the historical contributions of African-Americans in the United States.

The American Founding Award
Award amount: $250
Award Criteria: An excellent essay related to the study of the Declaration of Independence and/or the U.S. Constitution.

American History Film Project Prize
 Award: Entry into the 2021 Student Annual Film Exhibition
Award Criteria: Sponsored by the American History of Film Project, this award recognizes the achievements of documentary students whose entry focuses on the history of Ohio. Students in either the junior or senior division may apply. The winner of this award will attend the 2022 Student Annual Film Exhibition, have their film shown in a movie theater outside of Washington, D.C. and take a picture on the red carpet.

George Washington Leadership Prize
Award amount: $250 Junior; $250 Senior
Award Criteria: Sponsored by the Washington Library at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, this award recognizes outstanding projects in both the Junior and Senior categories that demonstrate a clear understanding of the ideas and events defined by Washington’s life, leadership, and legacy. In addition to outstanding historical interpretation, this award gives special consideration to projects that seek innovative and compelling ways to tell the story of George Washington so that his timeless and relevant life are accessible to the world.

The History of Education Award
Award Amount: A 529 college savings plan valued at $250 - one (1) Junior Award and one (1) Senior Award
Award Criteria: This award is sponsored by Ohio’s 529 College Plan, CollegeAdvantage and is given to one Junior and one Senior project in any category that focuses on the history of education in the United States.
National Maritime Historical Award
Award amount: $100 Junior 1st; $100 Senior 1st; $50 Junior 2nd; $50 Senior 2nd
Award Criteria: National Maritime Historical Award is given to one outstanding project in each the Junior and Senior categories that explores a topic related to Maritime History. The first place winners in each division will be awarded a $100 cash prize (for the individual or to be split among the group), a one-year membership in the National Maritime Historical Society and their name and project will be featured in Sea History magazine and on www.seahistory.org. The second place winners will receive a $50 cash prize (for the individual or to be split among the group), a one-year membership in the National Maritime Historical Society and their name and project will be featured in Sea History magazine and on www.seahistory.org. Potential maritime topics for this year’s theme include (but are not limited to): War of 1812, the Spanish American War, Whaling, Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and/or The London Naval treaty of 1930, Roosevelt’s Great White Fleet, and more!

Ohio Academy of History Award
Award amount: $100
Award Criteria: The award will be given for an outstanding documentary, website or paper on a topic from any area of the world outside of North America.

The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award
Award amount: $125 Senior; $125 Junior
Award Criteria: The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award recognizes one outstanding Junior and one Senior Ohio History Day project demonstrating effective use of digitized resources created by Ohio’s cultural heritage institutions—public libraries, educational institutions, museums and historical societies—made available through the Ohio Digital Network or an institution’s own website. The project should demonstrate that the researcher has developed their own questions and ideas about their topic, has expanded the variety of resources they consult, has evaluated those sources for usefulness and bias, and has applied them to their research questions with sufficient citation for others to find those sources again.

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award
Award amount: $100 Senior; $100 Junior
Award Criteria: Eligible projects are individual or group, junior or senior division entries in the categories of papers, websites and documentaries. Projects must demonstrate exceptional use of Ohio primary sources, either originals or copies (such as digital) and either created in Ohio or held by an Ohio repository. Primary sources represent a first-hand account contemporaneous with the events or people researched.
The Ohio Local History Alliance Award

Award Amount: $100 Senior; $100 Junior
Award Criteria: This award is presented to one Junior and one Senior project that most successfully meet the following criteria: 1. The project is focused on an Ohio local history topic or a topic of national or world history that draws a significant connection to Ohio or a community within Ohio. 2. The project uses archival or object collections found within an Ohio historical society, museum, or library.

Ohio Pride History Award

Award amount: $250
Award Criteria: The Ohio Pride History Award, sponsored by the Equitas Health Institute, will be awarded to an outstanding project in the junior or senior division, in any category, focused on the history and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community on a state or local level. Student projects must clearly reflect the theme of History Day and demonstrate balanced research and a clear understanding of the topic and its place in history. Because LGBTQ+ history is often not recorded in traditional formats, non-traditional research methods are encouraged (collection of oral histories, use of photos/newspaper clippings, etc.)

The Ohio Women in Government Award

Award amount: $100 Senior 1st; $100 Junior 1st; $50 Senior 2nd; $50 Junior 2nd
Award Criteria: The Ohio Women in Government Award is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Ohio for outstanding Ohio History Day projects, in any category, that focus on the women’s suffrage movement and/or a woman leader in government. Project must be well-researched and include accurate citations in the bibliography. Project may be a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or website.

The Primary Sources Award

Award amount: $250
Award Criteria: Sponsored by the Ohio Council for Social Studies, the project must focus on an event, movement or organization significant to Ohio history, or a person recognized as either being born in Ohio or significant to the history or culture of Ohio. The project makes effective use of a variety of relevant primary source material to evaluate the project thesis.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame History Award

Award amount: 2 Pro Football Hall of Fame admission tickets
Award Criteria: This award will be given to the student who shows "excellence" in Sports History. Not only should the award go to a project that discusses an athlete or sport and how they were celebrated on the field, but off the field as well - focusing on the values of sport; characteristics like commitment, integrity, courage respect and excellence.

The Society of Ohio Archivists Award
Award amount: $100 Junior; $100 Senior
Award Criteria: The award is given to a project that demonstrates exceptional research and use of primary sources to include at least two of the following: letters, speeches, diaries, newspaper articles from the time, oral history interviews, documents, photographs, artifacts, or anything else that provides a first-hand account about a person or event. History Day Project winners must have used primary resources on site at a research institution housing those materials. All primary sources must be cited accurately in the bibliography of the paper.