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2023 State Qualifiers Packet

Ohio History Day State Competition

Ohio Wesleyan University

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Dear State Qualifying Student –

Congratulations on advancing to the Ohio History Day State Competition! This booklet will provide you with the information you need to prepare for Ohio History Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Here are your next steps:

- ☐ **Register.** Review, update (if needed), and pay the \$23 fee for online registration for the state contest by midnight on **Mon., April 10, 2023**. *Please note: There will be no late registration for the state contest. No exceptions.*
- ☐ **Apply.** Thanks to the **William K. Laidlaw Jr. Memorial Endowment Fund**, we are delighted to offer a number of scholarships to cover the registration cost (\$23.00) for students. To be considered for one of these scholarships, please complete the [application form](#) by midnight, on Fri., April 7, 2023.
- ☐ **Nominate.** Remember to select any [Special Awards](#) you want to apply for using the online registration by Mon., April 10, 2023. If you nominate your project for one or more special awards you **MUST** email a copy of your process paper, annotated bibliography, and the special award cover sheet (see pg. 11 of the State Qualifier packet) to historyday@ohiohistory.org by Mon., April 10, 2023.
- ☐ **Review & Submit.** Review your evaluation sheets from the regional competition and make improvements, edits and/or alterations to your project. Submit your project via the submission guidelines and instructions outlined in the [Contest Submission Guide](#) by Mon., April 10, 2023. *Late submissions will not be accepted.*
- ☐ **Plan.** Make plans to come to Ohio Wesleyan University (61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, OH 43015) on Sat., April 22, 2023.
- ☐ **Check.** Check the website for your judging time and location a few days before the event (ohiohistoryday.org).

Contact us with any questions or concerns. On behalf of Ohio History Day, we look forward to seeing you soon!

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Dates at a Glance

Please note: You will need to register, pay the \$23 State Registration Fee and nominate yourself for Special Awards by **Mon., April 10, 2023**.

Category	Fees Due/ Registration Complete/ Special Award Nominations Made	Special Award Materials Emailed	Process Paper, Bibliography and Submission Deadlines
ALL CATEGORIES	Mon., April 10, 2023	Mon., April 10, 2023 See page 11	Submit all materials to the registration website following the instructions in Contest Submission Guide by 11:59 p.m. on Mon., April 10, 2023.

Registration Instructions

1. Click on this link (<https://oh.nhd.org>), which will take you to the homepage of State Contest Registration.
2. Click the LOGIN button on the top right of the page. **Do not create a new account.**
3. Use the SAME username and password that you created for your regional contest registration to log in to your State Contest Registration profile.
4. Read the welcome message, "there are a few things to take care of..." and you will click the blue "Next" button.
5. You and your parent/guardian must agree to Ohio History Day permissions and waivers.
6. Now you will be taken to a page where you can nominate yourself for special awards. If you are not ready for this step quite yet, don't worry, you can always come back to this page later once you've registered by clicking on your name in the upper right-hand corner of the registration page, clicking on "My Profile" and then to the "Special Award Nominations" tab. Click on "Next" to continue.
7. Next you will see the merchandise page. Add the Student Registration Fee to your cart. You can click on "Pay Online" to pay with credit card or "Generate Invoice" to pay by check.
8. Once you have submitted payment, you will see a confirmation screen. Click the "complete first time login" button below. This will take you to the main page where you can access your profile.
9. Click on your name in the top right corner of the screen, and choose "My Profile." Please confirm that your personal and category specific information is complete and accurate.
10. You can also view your Team/Project key in your profile.

Accessing Your Profile After Registration

- After you have completed your registration, you will be able to log back in to access your profile information at any time before the registration deadline. To do so, log in and click on your name in the top right corner. Choose "My Profile."
- Under the "Entry" Tab you will see the "Written Materials" field. **This is where you will submit project and/or written materials for the Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, and Performance Categories. Websites should have all written materials embedded in their site.**

Campus Map

<https://www.owu.edu/ex/campusmap/>



Contest Logistics

Covid-19 Policy

Per Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio History Connection policy, **facial coverings are not required, but we support anyone's decision to wear a mask in any setting on campus.** For more information, see Ohio Wesleyan University's Safe Campus Guide: <https://www.owu.edu/about/safe-campus-guide-covid-19/>

Scheduling

If you have special requests for judge times, you must submit them before the close of registration. Once the final schedule is posted, there will be no changes to the judge schedule. **No exceptions.** Ohio History Day staff will post the final judging schedule on ohiohistoryday.org a few days prior to the event. We will post an announcement to social media (Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nhdoh>) when it is available. Students, teachers and parents should check the judging time of their student prior to the event. **Please note: This information will only be available on the website; it will not be available by phone and will not be sent by mail or email.**

Photography and Filming

Photographs and video will be taken at the Ohio History Day State Competition. The Ohio History Connection reserves the right to use the images for promotion and publicity purposes for Ohio History Day. Please contact the state office at historyday@ohiohistory.org or 614.297.2526 with any questions or concerns.

Upon Arrival

- ❑ **Teachers:** Registration will take place in Merrick Hall (Building 12). Your packet will include an event program, your student's judge times and participation certificates. Evaluation sheets will be made available digitally via the registration portal (<https://oh.nhd.org/>) the week following the competition.
- ❑ **Students:** Registration for **Documentaries, Papers, Performances and Websites** will take place in Merrick Hall (Building 12). Registration for **Exhibits** will take place at the Richard Gordon Field House (Building 18). Only one group member should stand in the line to register their entry. Other members of group entries should stay clear of the registration tables. Once registered, students will receive the location and time of their judging and other important information.

Details about each category and what to do upon arrival are in the next section under Category Information starting on page 7. There is no student orientation at the state event. Read and follow the registration directions closely. If you have questions throughout the day, check in with the Ohio History Day staff in the registration area. ***All students must bring physical copies of ALL written material with them to Ohio History Day.***

Where to Stay and What to Do

Hotels and Restaurants

For hotel and restaurant information, please visit:

- Where to stay: <https://www.visitdelohio.com/where-to-stay/hotels-motels/>
- Where to eat: The Merrick Cafe featuring Starbucks, located in Merrick Hall, will be open from 7:00am-12:30pm on the day of contest. For more dining options see <http://www.visitdelohio.com/places/dining-in-delaware>

Internet Access

Please note that there will be no access to the internet via campus Wi-Fi. Make sure that you are able to access project materials without using the internet; bring activities for your spare time that are not internet-dependent.

Parking

Parking is free and available throughout Ohio Wesleyan University Campus. Please note the parking icons on the map, and be sure to adhere to designated campus parking. Cars that are parked alongside campus roads risk being towed by campus security. For OWU parking policies visit <https://www.owu.edu/student-life/campus-safety/parking/>.

Programming and Events

Ohio History Day State Competition judging will take place in Merrick Hall (Building 12), Elliott Hall (Building 15), University Hall (Building 11), Phillips Hall (Building 13) Science Center (Building 14) and the Richard Gordon Field House (Building 18). The awards ceremony will take place in the Branch Rickey Arena (Building 18).

For more information about contest logistics, judging criteria, and more, visit the "contest" tab on the State registration website (<https://tinyurl.com/wfqpgl5>).

Category Information

EXHIBIT

- Register and submit your materials online by Mon., April 10, 2023! Carefully follow the [Contest Submission Guide](#). Late registrations will not be accepted.

Upon Arrival

- Exhibit registration will take place from 8–9 a.m. in the Branch Rickey Physical Education Center. Exhibits must be set up no later than 9 a.m. After 9 a.m. students will only be allowed into the exhibit hall 15 minutes prior to their judge time. There are no parents or teachers allowed in the exhibit hall during judging.
- Cars and buses can drop off exhibits in the drive near the east entrance. Please do not linger at this loading/unloading zone so everyone can be accommodated. Vehicles left in the loading zone for an extended time will risk being towed by campus safety.
- Students may have adult assistance to carry exhibits to the table, but the students are required to do all set up independently.

Set-Up

- Students with exhibits needing electricity should bring a 50 ft. extension cord and tape to secure the cord to the floor.
- Some exhibits may need repairs before judging starts. It is recommended that you bring an exhibit “first aid kit” to make minor repairs to your project.
- Special display requirements for three-dimensional (walk-around) exhibits will be made by the exhibit hall coordinator during registration. If you move your exhibit to a separate table or floor, you must leave a note on your original table and also wait for the judge team at your original table. You may then lead the judges to your exhibit. Be sure your table number is visible at both locations.

Judging

- The exhibit area will be closed to the public at 9 a.m. for judging. Exhibits should be set up prior to 9 a.m. Students will be able to come back into the exhibit hall 15 minutes before their judging time. Any additional setup may be done at that time. After registration is over, students can no longer be accompanied into the exhibit hall by parents or teachers.
- Students should be outside of the exhibit hall 20 minutes before their scheduled judging time. The exhibit hall coordinator will invite students into the hall 15 minutes prior to their judging time. The exhibit hall will be open to the public from 12:30– 1:30 p.m. (*timing subject to change*).

Finals Round Judging

- Run-offs are held for all exhibit categories but are not announced to the public. The hall will be closed again during the second round of judging from 1:30–2:30 p.m. Only judges and Ohio History Day staff will be allowed in during this time.
- Students will not be present during finals judging. Please make sure there are 2 copies of your process paper and bibliography left at your exhibit after the first round. DO NOT REMOVE your exhibit until after the second round of judging.
- Exhibits can be picked up at 3 p.m. or after the awards ceremony. Ohio History Day is not responsible for any exhibits or personal items left behind.

PAPER

- Register and submit your materials online by Mon., April 10, 2023! Carefully follow the [Contest Submission Guide](#). Late registrations will not be accepted.

Upon Arrival

- Proceed to the registration table in Merrick Hall.
- It is recommended that you arrive at least 45 minutes before your scheduled judging time.
- The schedule will be posted online at ohiohistoryday.org a few days before the contest.

Judging

- You are required to be at the state contest and participate in your interview in order to be considered for the National Contest. If you do not appear for your interview, you will not be eligible to advance to Nationals.

Finals Round

- There may be second round judging for the paper categories. Students are not expected to be present during this round.

WEBSITE

- Register and submit your materials online by Mon., April 10, 2023! Carefully follow the [Contest Submission Guide](#). Late registrations will not be accepted.
- Websites will be locked down on April 10th at 11:59 p.m. after which you will not be able to edit your website so please make sure you publish your site by this date. Judges will review your project before the competition.

Upon Arrival

- Proceed to the registration table in Merrick Hall.
- It is recommended that you arrive at least 45 minutes before your scheduled judging time.
- The schedule will be posted online at ohiohistoryday.org a few days before the contest.

Set-up

- Website rooms will be equipped with an HP Chromebook. Some rooms will have a screen to project the website, but this is not guaranteed. Please be prepared to pull up your own website for the judges.
- You may bring your own computer to show your website on but it is not required.

Judging

- You are required to be at the state contest and participate in your interview in order to be considered for the National Contest. If you do not appear for your interview, you will not be eligible to advance to Nationals.

Finals Round

- There may be second round judging for the website categories. Students are not expected to be present during this round.

DOCUMENTARY

- Register and submit your materials online by Mon., April 10, 2023! Carefully follow the [Contest Submission Guide](#). Late registrations will not be accepted.

Upon Arrival

- Proceed to the registration table in Merrick Hall.
- It is recommended that you arrive at least 45 minutes before your scheduled judging time.
- The schedule will be posted online at ohiohistoryday.org a few days before the contest.

Set-Up

- Rooms for documentaries will be equipped with an HP Chromebook, projector, screen and HDMI cables.
- It is recommended that you bring back-ups of your documentary that will play on an HP Chromebook. Examples of ways to back up your documentary include: saving it in multiple formats, uploading it to the internet via google drive, YouTube or VIMEO, or bringing a tablet, laptop, or other device you know your documentary will play on for the judges to view.

Judging

- Students should be able to set up and play their documentary on their own.
- Documentary entries are open for public viewing with the student's permission and at the discretion of the judges.

Final Round

- There may be a "run-off" round for the documentary categories.
- Second round entries will be posted by the registration table in Merrick Hall at 1 p.m.
- Students are expected to be present for the final of round judging beginning at 1:30 p.m. *All times are approximate and subject to change.*

PERFORMANCE

- Register and submit your materials online by Mon., April 10, 2023! Carefully follow the [Contest Submission Guide](#). Late registrations will not be accepted.

Upon Arrival

- Proceed to the registration table in Merrick Hall.
- It is recommended that you arrive at least 45 minutes before your scheduled judging time. The schedule will be posted online at ohiohistoryday.org a few days before the contest.
- Please do not bring props to registration. You can check the online schedule to find out which building and room you will be in. Drop props and costumes off in this building prior to parking your vehicle. Props and costumes cannot be stored in the judging room.

Set-Up

- Do not assume that there will be any props available for you to use. You may be able to find chairs or tables in these rooms, but it is advisable to bring your own if you need them for your performance. No pianos will be available.

Judging

- Performance entries are open to public viewing with the permission of the student and at the discretion of the judges.

Final Round

- There may be a "run-off" round for the performance categories.
- The entries moving on to the second round will be posted by the registration table in Merrick Hall at 1 p.m.
- Students are expected to be present for the final round of judging beginning at 1:30 p.m. *All times are approximate and subject to change.*

Judging

Evaluating history is a subjective process, but criteria and methods have been established to achieve fair decisions. Here is a description of how the judging process will work at the Ohio History Day State Competition.

Evaluation Sheets

Each judge will have an evaluation sheet for each entry they judge. They are instructed to use these sheets to write positive, critical evaluations of each entry. Written comments are stressed in judge orientation, because the evaluation sheet is the principal feedback students receive from this event. Rules are important for each category. Small infractions are not grounds for disqualification but judges may take them into consideration when choosing finalists. Evaluations will be available to students no later than the Wednesday following the contest.

Interview

Each judge team will interview students about their entry. This gives students the opportunity to discuss their research findings and project creation process. Students should not have a formal presentation prepared. ***The interview does not weigh heavily*** in final decision-making. All Ohio History Day entries are expected to stand alone and be understood without the need for a student to explain or clarify. During the second round of judging, there will not be a question-and-answer session.

Ratings

All judging decisions are made by consensus of the judging teams. Judges are asked to evaluate projects based on a specific rubric. In effect, Ohio History Day judging is a jury process where the judges have to reach a shared conclusion, rather than an arbitrary point system. **Please note:** Ratings vary from one judging group to another. Each set of judges establishes their own standards for ratings. Ratings cannot be compared across different judging teams.

Finals Round Judging

Categories with a single team of judges will have award decisions made by those teams. Categories with multiple teams of judges will have run-offs that will consider the top 2-3 entries from the initial judging groups. A new set of judges, or combination from the original teams, will evaluate the final entries and determine rankings. There may be run-offs in any category; however, run-off times will only be posted for the Documentary and Performance categories. Students in these categories are expected to be available for the final round of judging beginning at 1:30 p.m. The entries moving on to the second round will be posted outside at the main registration area in Merrick Hall at 1 p.m. *All times are approximate and subject to change.*

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will take place in the Branch Rickey Arena at 4 p.m. Doors will open around 3 p.m., after second round exhibit judging is complete. *Times are subject to change.*

Special Awards Cover Sheet – *Must be emailed by April 10, 2023*

Special Awards Nominations including instructions for nomination, award details and selection criteria are available in the online registration system. Students are encouraged to login and nominate themselves for one or more of the following special awards. **You will need to email a PDF copy of your process paper and annotated bibliography, along with this cover sheet to: historyday@ohiohistory.org.**

Please read the qualifications for each award carefully.

Student Name(s): _____

Project Title: _____

Check the box next to the award(s) for which you are submitting your nomination. A listing of each award's criteria and prize is listed online at ohiohistoryday.org.

- ☐ African American History Award | The Ohio State University, History Department
- ☐ The American Founding Award | Ashbrook Center at Ashland University
- ☐ George Washington Leadership Prize | Washington Library at George Washington's Mount Vernon
- ☐ The History of Education Award | Ohio's 529 Plan, College Advantage
- ☐ National Maritime Historical Award | The National Maritime Historical Society
- ☐ Ohio Academy of History Award | Ohio Academy of History
- ☐ The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board History Day Award | The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board
- ☐ The Ohio Local History Alliance Award | The Ohio Local History Alliance
- ☐ Ohio Pride History Award | Equitas Health Institute
- ☐ The Ohio Women in Government Award | League of Women Voters of Ohio
- ☐ The Pro Football Hall of Fame History Award | Pro Football Hall of Fame
- ☐ The Society of Ohio Archivists Award | Society of Ohio Archivists



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