



## 2009–10 Special Prizes

# Nomination Guidelines

### Applying for a Special Prize

Students can nominate their history fair project for a special prize in fifteen categories. Each winner in an individual or group entry receives a \$50 U.S. savings bond. To be eligible, students must submit a nomination packet, described below. A project can only be nominated in two categories. The categories with entry restrictions are underlined in the “Criteria” column.

#### *Categories*

African American Heritage Award  
American Colonial Heritage Award  
American History Innovation Award  
Best Use of Primary Sources Award  
Florida Heritage Award  
Florida Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Award  
Frederick Cubberly Florida History Award  
Hispanic Heritage Award  
Legal Heritage Award  
Mapping History Award  
Military Heritage Award  
Native American Heritage Award  
Space Heritage Award  
Sports Heritage Award  
Women’s Heritage Award

#### *Criteria*

Black history topic  
U.S. Colonial era topic  
Technological or social innovation topics  
At least eight primary sources  
Florida history topic  
Florida lighthouse or maritime heritage topic  
Historical paper on a Florida topic  
Hispanic history topic  
Legal or civics history theme  
Exhibit dealing with maps or geography  
Military topic from any era  
Native peoples (worldwide) topic  
Space exploration or technology topic  
Sports-related topic  
Women’s issues or accomplishments topic

### Nomination packet

Each special prize nomination must include four items, stapled together in the order listed below. You must send **three copies** of the packet. If you are nominating your project for two prizes, you must complete a separate packet for each entry, but they can be mailed together in one envelope. Your nomination packet should include:

- **Special Prize Application Cover Sheet.** [Click here](#) to print a copy of this form.
- **Nomination narrative.** On a separate sheet, describe in a maximum of 100 words why your topic is significant in history and how it relates to the special prize category that you selected.
- **Process paper.** A process paper already is required for exhibit, documentary, performance, and web site entries. Historical paper entries will have to create a process paper, following guidelines presented in the *NHD Rule Book* on page 10 or the Florida History Fair web site at [www.floridahistoryfair.com](http://www.floridahistoryfair.com).
- **Annotated bibliography.** An annotated bibliography already is required for all entries.

Nomination packets must be received at the Florida History Fair office by **March 26**. Faxed packets will not be accepted. Mail your packet to:

**Florida History Fair Coordinator  
Museum of Florida History  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399–0250**