

2025 National History Day in Colorado

State Qualifier Information

State Contest: April 26, 2025 at the University of Colorado Denver on the Auraria Campus

Registration Opens: March 10th at 12pm via ZFairs

Registration Deadline: April 1st @ 4:00 pm via ZFairs

***All members of a group must register individually

***No late registrations will be accepted.

Fees: \$30/per student via ZFairs upon registration unless school is paying via teacher confirmation

*Schools paying for all students by check, make check payable to: Regents of University of Colorado.

Paper, Documentary & Website Deadline: April 8th at 4pm via ZFairs

*Note: This includes all paperwork: Title Page, Process Paper, Annotated Bibliographies as one PDF document!
Documentary links are submitted via ZFairs.*

Exhibit and Performance Paperwork Deadline: April 8th at 4pm via ZFairs.

Note: This includes all paperwork: Title Page, Process Paper, Annotated Bibliographies as one PDF document!

Contest Schedule Available Online: April 21 @ 5:00 pm

Special Award registration form: Opens April 2 at 8am, Due April 14th at 4pm.

Form Link: <https://forms.gle/GL4uaFitrGP8rtXP9>

Important Links!

Everything is located on the State NHDC website home page: <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc/>

ZFairs registration and contest payment: <https://co.nhd.org>

Follow our social media pages for daily updates during the contest season:

NHDC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/COhistoryday>

NHDC Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/nhdcolorado>

Please check your email regularly for updates and important information!



NHD State Contest Information: April 26, 2025



Congratulations! You have qualified to compete at the **National History Day in Colorado** state contest hosted by CU Denver. We look forward to seeing you on April 26, 2025! Best of luck!

Please read through all of the information thoroughly!

If you do not intend to participate in the State Contest, notify your regional coordinator immediately so that an alternate entry can take your place. You have 48 hours to do so after your regional contest.

Attendance is mandatory. No exceptions! Groups must send at least one representative to the interview. Performance groups may not replace a team member once they have entered the contest phase (See Rule 3 in the official Contest Rule Book).

*****Students should expect to be at the State NHD contest from 8am-6pm on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 depending on their category registration times and potential advancement.*****

Online Registration & What to Expect on the Form:

- Go to <https://co.nhd.org> from March 10 to April 1st, 2025.
- **IMPORTANT:** Each participant, whether an individual or a group participant, must fill out their own online registration **AND** pay an entry fee. Be sure to fill out your information **completely**.
- We will be communicating entirely via email. Please be sure to include valid student, teacher(s), and parent emails.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER 4pm on APRIL 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Special Awards:

- Many of our partner organizations offer category and/or topic-specific prizes. The judging for the special awards is independent of the normal contest judging process. It is possible that a student who is not a finalist in the standard contest may be able to win a special award! For a complete list of awards, please visit our website.
- The only way for your project to be nominated for a special award is for you to self-nominate on the separate google form. A complete list can be found on the google form located on the STUDENT TAB of the State Contest ZFairs and on the website at <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc/cultural-partners-special-awards>. **You MUST write 2-3 sentences describing why your project is eligible for the award you are nominating yourself to receive. If you do not include these sentences, you will not be eligible for that special award. Please Note: not all awards are offered every contest season.**
- The State Office has the right to withdraw certain projects for consideration for specific special awards if the project does not meet the minimum award criteria. Any project that does not include the 2-3 sentence description of why their project is eligible for a particular award will not be considered. This will not affect the student's project in the overall judging process.

Registration Fees:

There is a registration fee of \$30.00 per participant (not per entry) payable via ZFairs. Please note that we are unable to issue refunds, even in the case of overpayment or cancellation, so be sure to check with your school and/or district to see if they plan to pay your fee.

Note to teachers: If your school or district is paying for your students, please include a list of the applicable students for the payment and address the **check to: Regents of the University of Colorado**. We prefer payment by school and by check for all students competing from a school. Teachers are able to print an invoice via ZFairs without State assistance once registration has closed.

We prefer payment by school via check to avoid fees.

Plan ahead! Finding an open computer lab or open office store on the day of the State Contest is almost impossible. Be sure that you have all of your process papers and bibliographies (if applicable) with you before you leave home.

The State Office **CANNOT** make copies for you.

**Please be aware that the State Office is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.

At a Glance—What to Expect the day of the State NHD Contest

Location: CU Denver, Auraria Campus, Denver, CO 80204

Parking:

- Please park in the surface lots or the garage by the Tivoli Student Union on 9th St. and Auraria Parkway. See the map included in this packet for the suggested lots.
- DO NOT park in the 7th Street parking garage. The parking attendants for that garage do not work on Saturday. Parking in the garage will result in a ticket.
- Parking fees vary by location, but plan on at least \$8.00-\$25.00.
- **Bus Parking:** Teachers, please notify kelly.cvanciger@ucdenver.edu by April 1st, 2025 if you will be bringing students via bus so that we can arrange for bus parking. Only small buses are permitted in the fee lots.

Check-in:

- Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m.
- Exhibit registration is from 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. only, as the doors to the exhibit hall will close promptly for judging at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is located in the Student Commons Building in the corridor between Rooms #1500 and #1600.
- **Students must check themselves in to receive pertinent contest info and their t-shirt.**
- **Students cannot check in group members.**
- **Parents, teachers, etc. are not permitted to check in students!**
- Students in all categories except for the Exhibit category must check-in at the Student Commons Building in the corridor between Rooms #1500 and #1600 at least 45 minutes before their scheduled interview. Interview times will be available on our website after April 21.
- Teacher check-in begins at 8:30am. Teachers will receive student certificates, state schedule, and a gift from the State office.

Mandatory Interview:

- All participants, or at least one group member, must be present for scheduled morning interviews.
- Students will have a specific interview time with judges.
- Groups must have at least one representative present at the interview.
- The final contest program and schedule will be available at nationalhistorydayincolorado.org after April 21. Contestant interview times and locations will be listed.

Preliminary Judging:

- All projects will be judged in a morning session that begins at 9:00 am.
- Depending on the number of entries, morning judging may be final in some categories and divisions. Please refer to the program to see if this applies to your project.

Mid-Day Activities (NEW):

- There is a lot of downtime when students are waiting to perform, be interviewed, or for the preliminary round results. Students and their chaperones are permitted to leave during this downtime to eat or explore Denver.
- We have **NHD FOOD TRUCKS** on site outside the Student Commons Building.
- This year, we have a **GAME ROOM** at the State NHDC contest! The GAME ROOM is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- All students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend our **GUEST SPEAKER SERIES**. We will have three sessions following the preliminary rounds. This is **NEW** for the 2025 NHDC State Contest. Teachers, parents, and students may attend.
- **The exhibit hall will be open for public viewing from 12:00-1:00pm.**

Final Rounds Qualifiers Announcement:

- Participants are free from the time of their preliminary round interview until finals are posted around 1:15 pm.
- For final rounds, only **Performance** participants are required to be present. Websites, papers, and exhibits do not require students to be present for final rounds.
- Final round qualifiers in **ALL categories** will be displayed **ON PAPER** at the registration area of the Student Commons between rooms 1500 and 1600 around 1:15 pm.
- There will not be interviews in the final rounds.

Awards Ceremony:

- All winners, including special awards, regional awards, and scholarships will be announced at 5:00 p.m. in the Lola and Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center Gym.
- Attendance is required.
- Medals will be presented that day for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Post-Ceremony for National Qualifiers

- The 1st and 2nd place state winners in each category qualify to compete at the National History Day competition June 7-12th, 2025 in College Park, MD. Third place contestants will serve as alternates. National qualifiers will receive more detailed information in their winner's packets following the Awards Ceremony. 1st and 2nd place winners must notify the state office within 72 hours if they are not able to attend.
- Students who receive 1st and 2nd place, as well as their teachers and parents, **must meet with the State Director** for details immediately following the Awards Ceremony in the Lola and Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center.

Judging Forms:

- All student judging forms are available 3 days after the contest via ZFairs unless otherwise specified by the NHDC office staff. The State Office will send any unclaimed participation certificates to the appropriate teacher and/or school the month following the State Contest.

Contest Schedule

When	What	Where
8:00-8:45	Check in for Exhibits . Exhibits must FIRST be placed in the Wellness Center then students come to register! All Exhibits are ready to be judged by 8:45. Doors will be shut and locked. Note: students are responsible for checking themselves in after placing their exhibit.	Student Commons Building in the Corridor between Rooms #1500 and #1600
8:00-10:00	Check-in for Papers, Websites, Documentaries, and Performances (Verify your interview time in the program and be sure to check in <u>at least 30 minutes</u> before). Note: students are responsible for checking themselves in, parents may NOT check in students.	Student Commons in the Corridor between Rooms #1500 and #1600
9:00-12:00	Preliminary round judging Students must be present for their scheduled interview (available in the provided program). Note: Performances and Documentaries are open to the public for viewing. Exhibits, Websites, and Papers are closed to the public during judging.	Exhibits: Lola and Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center Performances: North Classroom Documentaries: North Classroom Websites: North Classroom Papers: Student Commons Building-all floors *All locations subject to change.
10:00-4:00	Game Room and Guest Speaker Series-NEW!	Student Commons #1600-Game Room from 10-4pm Student Commons #2500-Guest Speaker Series from 1-3pm
12:00-1:00	Exhibits open for public viewing	Exhibits: Wellness Center
1:15-1:30pm	ALL final-round qualifiers posted	Student Commons walls between Rooms 1500 and 1600, 1 st Floor
1:00-1:30	Exhibits that do not qualify for the final round must be removed. Special award entries <u>must</u> remain in the hall for consideration. Legal Disclaimer: Any exhibits left standing following the award ceremony at 6 p.m. will be disposed of, and the student and school will be billed a disposal fee after the contest.	Lola and Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center Gym
1:45-3:45	Final rounds judging *Students in Performance categories must be present *Remaining categories are closed to the public and do not require student presence	Performances: Student Commons #1401 Boettcher Conference Room
4:00-4:30	Remove all Exhibits that qualified for Final Rounds & Special Awards	Lola and Rob Salazar Wellness Center
5:00	Awards Ceremony	Lola and Rob Salazar Wellness Center
6:00	REQUIRED: National Qualifier meeting for qualifying students, parents, and teachers (immediately following Awards Ceremony) Teachers Only: Pick up judging forms	Lola and Rob Salazar Wellness Center Lola and Rob Salazar Wellness Center

(Subject to change—check nationalhistorydayincolorado.org for updates)

Important Deadlines

Who	What	When
Teachers	Contact State Office about bus parking	Thursday, April 1st
Paper Contestants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Paper entry submitted via ZFairs 	Thursday, April 8 by 4:00 pm
Students and Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Online registration form filled out ■ Registration fees must be paid online or paid by school via check 	Due Monday, April 1 at 4pm <u>NO EXCEPTIONS!</u>
Students and Teachers	Deadline for scheduling requests. Must be completed via email: nationalhistorydayincolorado@gmail.com	April 1st at 4pm
Website Contestants	Websites must be finalized and published by 4pm. Websites will be locked from further edits. Website URL(key) is due in the student registration form by April 1 st at 4pm	Due April 8 at 4pm <u>NO EXCEPTIONS!</u>
Documentary, Exhibit, and Performance Contestants	<p>Documentary link must be submitted via ZFairs.</p> <p>All paperwork for ALL CATEGORIES submitted via Zfairs as 1 PDF document: Title Page, Process Paper, Annotated Bibliography</p>	April 8 th at 4pm
Students, Parents, and Teachers	The competition schedule is available online	April 21 at 8pm
Students, Parents, and Teachers	Attend 1 of 3 Guest Speaker Sessions or hang out in the new GAME Room!	April 26, from 10-4pm
Documentary, Performance, and Exhibit Contestants	<p>Bring <u>2</u> additional contest-ready copies of your process paper and annotated bibliography as ONE document, stapled, not in any folders!</p> <p>This should be the same as the April 8th copy submitted online.</p> <p>Documentaries must bring their personal computer with a dongle or HDMI connection</p>	Saturday, April 26
Students, Parents, and Teachers	State Contest	Saturday, April 26
Colorado State Delegates, Teachers, and Parents	National Contest	June 7-12, 2025

Contestant Checklist to Prepare for the State Contest

Paper Contestants

- Submitted online registration via ZFairs (one per student).
- Paid online \$30 via ZFairs (If school is not paying). Checks payable: Regents of University of Colorado
- Submitted my paper as a .pdf attachment(Title Page, Process Paper, Paper, Bib) via ZFairs by 4pm on April 8th.
- Bring one copy of my paper and support materials to the state contest.

Website Contestants

- Submitted online registration via ZFairs (one per student).
- Paid online \$30 via ZFairs (If school is not paying). Checks payable: Regents of University of Colorado
- Provided my NHDWebCentral project URL/key to NHDC via ZFairs through registration by April 1st at 4pm.
- Published my website by 4 p.m. on April 8th. You may not edit your website after this date.
- All paperwork must be embedded as a PDF on the Research Tab of the website.

Exhibit Contestants

- Submitted online registration via ZFairs (one per student).
- Paid online \$30 via ZFairs (If school is not paying). Checks payable: Regents of University of Colorado
- Bring **2** competition-ready paper copies of my title page, process paper and annotated bibliography to the state contest as ONE document AND upload all paperwork as 1 PDF document to ZFairs by April 8 at 4pm.
- Bring any materials needed for my exhibit (extension cords, repair materials, technology, etc.).

Performance Contestants

- Submitted online registration via ZFairs (one per student).
- Paid online \$30 via ZFairs (If school is not paying). Checks payable: Regents of University of Colorado
- Bring 2 competition-ready paper copies of my title page, process paper and annotated bibliography to the state contest as ONE document AND upload all paperwork as 1 PDF document to ZFairs by April 8 at 4pm.
- Bring any materials needed for my performance (sets, costumes, extension cords, repair materials, etc.).
- Remember that performance set-up is unassisted, teachers and parents are NOT permitted to help.

Documentary Contestants

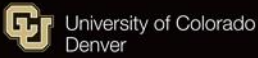
- Submitted online registration via ZFairs (one per student).
- Paid online \$30 via ZFairs (If school is not paying). Checks payable: Regents of University of Colorado
- Provide video link open access on **YouTube** or **WeVideo** via ZFairs email by 4:00pm on April 8th
- Bring 2 competition-ready paper copies of my title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography to the state contest AND upload all paperwork as 1 PDF document to ZFairs by April 8 at 4pm.
- Bring a computer to the contest with HDMI connection and/or your own personal dongle.



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