



NEBRASKA NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE CONTEST

*We are going
Virtual
Guide!*



Here is the quick update:

In response to the COVID19 spread, the Nebraska National History Day State Contest will be held virtually / online instead of on the campus of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

We cannot predict how COVID19 will affect our community, but holding the contest online will help to eliminate in-person contact as recommended by the CDC and allow students to present their work despite school closings or quarantine requirements. Nebraska is not the only state taking this approach; other states and territories have already implemented or are considering using a virtual contest. Some locations have had to cancel their district contests altogether due to school closings. We are fortunate that we have the time to plan for an online contest and have already held most of our district contests.

A virtual / online contest will allow us to have student work reviewed, send feedback to students, and make selections for the National Contest. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this process.

What do you need to know?

The submittal date has changed – students in all categories will need to submit their work by Friday, April 10 before 10:00pm Central Time – however if you can submit by Monday the 6th, it would be appreciated.

All materials or links to student **entries will be submitted through the registration system.**

There will be **no interview** portion, not in person, online or any other method.

Registration fees will remain at \$12.00 per person. Payment is to be submitted when you are able.

Medals and award certificates will be awarded, as well as, special prizes and participation certificates. These items will be mailed either to the school or to the individual depending upon circumstances at that time.

National qualifiers will be selected - top 2 ranking entries in each category. The National Contest will be held virtual. The deadline has been revised to Friday, May 22.

Awards ceremony? No decision currently on how we may announce the winners.

Cancellation policy remains the same, please notify in writing (email will suffice to Shari Sorenson at ssorenso@nebwesleyan.edu) if a student whose entry qualified for the state contest is not participating.

If the student provides a personal email (theirs or a parent or guardian's email – not a school email) in the registration (under "My Profile"), periodic updates will be sent out in a mass email.



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT FOR A VIRTUAL CONTEST

Adults are both able and encouraged to help a student in the submittal process. Free software programs that may help you in the pdf process are: Small PDF and I Love PDF. Adobe Acrobat is a fully functional program that can do all of the requests below but is not a free program. You may also email for assistance: ssorenso@nebrwesleyan.edu. Submittal Soft Deadline: Monday April 6 at 10:00pm Central Time. Final Deadline: Friday April 10 at 10:00pm Central Time.

VIRTUAL SUBMISSIONS FOR PAPER STUDENTS

- The process has not changed from the District Contest.
- Create one PDF that includes your title page, paper, and bibliography. Name the file your first and last names (ex: AbelLincoln.pdf).
- Go to <https://ne.nhd.org/?f=81199493-48ed-4972-b57e-2171c4590cb0> and login to your student profile.
- Upload your PDF file into the **Entry's Paper** field.
- Click **Save**. That's it!

VIRTUAL SUBMISSIONS FOR WEBSITE STUDENTS

- This process has not changed from the District Contest.
- Your website must be built in NHDWebCentral.
- Be sure that your process paper and annotated bibliography are embedded in your website.
- Go to <https://ne.nhd.org/?f=81199493-48ed-4972-b57e-2171c4590cb0> and login to your student profile to verify that your NHDWebCentral Site Key is correct (this should already be filled in from the District Contest and should be the same as the Entry Video URL listed directly below).
- Click **Save**. That's it!

VIRTUAL SUBMISSIONS FOR DOCUMENTARY & PERFORMANCE STUDENTS

Documentary and Performance students will upload video files of their projects to YouTube, allowing judges to view them remotely. Title page, process papers & annotated bibliographies will be converted to a single PDF file and uploaded as well.

Any Performance videos must be shot in a single live take, and submitted without editing or enhancements. A cellphone video is the expected standard. Please check your video to be sure the recording is audible before you submit it. You will not be penalized for sound quality or video quality issues, but judges do need to hear your performance.

NOTE: Due to restrictions with social distancing, not all Performances will be able to submit a video of a live performance. You can submit a recording of a reading (sound only) or submit the script with photos of the backdrop, props, and costumes.

PLEASE... allow yourself ample time to complete this process before the deadline. Files typically upload faster over a wired connection versus WiFi.

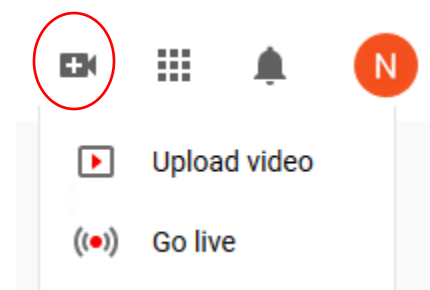
Follow These Steps:

STEP 1 Combine your title page, process paper, annotated bibliography and save as one PDF. (Free apps for this include Small PDF and I Love PDF).

STEP 2 Save your documentary or performance video as an **.MP4** video file.

STEP 3 Upload the .MP4 file to **YouTube** as a private listing. (Note the instructions below may be slightly different than if you use the Classic mode)

- A. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and sign in with a Google or Gmail account (you can create one for free).
- B. Click the Video button in the top right menu, select Upload video as shown:



- C. Follow the prompts to upload your video file.
- D. In the YouTube **Title** box (under Details), put your complete project title.
- E. In the **Description** box (under Details), put your division, category, and student name/s. Do not put your school or city. (Example: Junior Individual Documentary, by Abe Lincoln)
- F. **Set video privacy to UNLISTED** (under Visibility which is step 3). **This is required.**
- G. Click **Save** and wait for your video to upload. **Copy the video link.**
- H. Watch your video to be sure it plays correctly. If it does not, fix the problem and repeat this process. Once the video plays successfully on YouTube, advance to Step 4.

STEP 4 Submit your project to the contest:

- A. Go to <https://ne.nhd.org/?f=81199493-48ed-4972-b57e-2171c4590cb0> and login to your student profile.
- B. Upload your PDF file into the **Entry's Paper** field.
- C. Paste your YouTube link into the **Entry Video URL** field.
- D. Click **Save**. That's it!

VIRTUAL SUBMISSIONS FOR EXHIBIT STUDENTS

Exhibit students will provide photos allowing judges to view exhibits remotely. Title page, process papers & annotated bibliographies will be converted to a PDF file, combined with your slides to create one pdf. The pdf will be uploaded in the registration system. Only one person in a group entry needs to submit the entry pdf.

Follow These Steps:

STEP 1 Take photos of your exhibit and use them to create a PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation to display your project. You may create a **maximum of fourteen (14) slides with photos**. Anyone can take these pictures and can assist you in creating the slides that show your project. You are not being evaluated on your slide show but on the research and way you presented the research in the exhibit.

The suggestions provided below are simply suggestions intended to make it easier for judges to view your work – the clearer you present your work, the easier it is for judges. We read left to right – show your work in that order. Do not exceed the 14 slide maximum.

Your slides must follow this order:

- Full Project – 1st panel
- Left Panel
- Center Panel
- Right Panel
- Extras such as tabletop items, multimedia, etc.

(If you have an exhibit that does not follow the standard trifold, please feel free to contact Shari Sorenson at ssorenso@nebrwesleyan.edu for further instructions)

If no one can access your exhibit to take photos, you are welcome to use Google Draw to recreate your exhibit.

(Graphic examples of the slide layout on the next page).

Suggestion 1 (This is similar to what was originally sent)

Slide 1	Slide 2	Slide 3	Slide 4	Slide 5 (optional)	Slide 6 (optional)	Slide 7 (optional)	Slide 8
Full Project With Project Title Student Name Division Word Count for Exhibit and Process Paper	Left Panel Overall photo and sections of the panel up close	Center Panel Overall photo and sections of the panel up close	Right Panel Overall photo and sections of the panel up close	Additional Panels	Tabletop Items	Multimedia or Interactive Items (include links if necessary)	Student Composed Text (up to 500 words)

Suggestion 2

Slide 1	Slides 2-3	Slides 4-6	Slides 7-8	Slide 9 (optional)	Slide 10 (optional)	Slide 11 (optional)	Slides 12-14
Full Project With Project Title Student Name Division Word Count for Exhibit and Process Paper	Left Panel Overall Photo and individual up close photos of text and graphics	Center Panel Overall Photo and individual up close photos of text and graphics	Right Panel Overall Photo and individual up close photos of text and graphics	Additional Panels	Tabletop Items	Multimedia or Interactive Items (include links if necessary)	All text labeled by panel Student composed words in black, quotes in green and photo citations in red

Suggestion 3

Slide 1	Slides 2-11	Slide 12 (optional)	Slide 13 (optional)	Slide 14 (optional)
Full Project With Project Title Student Name Division Word Count for Exhibit and Process Paper	By Panel Left to Right Overall Photo and individual photos on the left Citations in red, quotes in green, and student composed text in black on the right	Additional Panels	Tabletop Items	Multimedia or Interactive Items (include links if necessary)

Then...

STEP 2 Save your slides as a PDF.

STEP 3 Combine your title page, process paper, annotated bibliography and slides and save as one PDF. (Free apps for this include Small PDF and I Love PDF).

STEP 4 Name the file your first and last names (ex: AbelLincoln.pdf).

STEP 5 Go to <https://ne.nhd.org/?f=81199493-48ed-4972-b57e-2171c4590cb0> and login to your NHD student profile.

STEP 6 Upload your PDF file into the **Entry's Paper** field. Only one student per group it to upload the document. The system will automatically connect that upload with the other group member's profile.

STEP 7 Click **Save**. That's it!

NOTE FOR ALL CATEGORIES:

Group Projects: Only one student will need to upload the pdf and enter the URL address. The system will automatically connect that information with other group members submittal boxes.

We will test all URL links and PDFs and will contact you if there are problems with the files.

If you do not have an option to create a single pdf, please send your individual pdfs to Shari Sorenson, clearly stating the project and student information.

Questions? Contact us: Shari Sorenson at ssorenso@nebrwesleyan.edu or 402-465-2439.

LOGIN for STATE REGISTRATION

STEP 1 You will not be creating a new account. Do “Login” with the same username and password that you set up for the district contest.

STEP 2 Answer the questions as prompted.

Updated with the same information as teachers?
Years of participation?

STEP 3 Complete the permissions and waivers section.

STEP 4 Self-Nominate for any applicable special awards.

STEP 5 Payment:

If your school is paying your registration, click on “Complete First Time Login”, do not add the student registration fee to the cart.

If you (or your parents) are paying your registration, click on “Add To Cart” and continue with the prompts to generate an invoice. Mail the invoice with the payment.

STEP 6 Verify your information (select “my profile” from drop down options under your name in the right hand corner of the page).

You can always log back in to change or add information (except for permissions and waivers).

Having trouble finding where to upload your project?

Click on the drop-down menu under your name and select my profile. The first tab “Basic Info” will have your personal information and your entry information. Entry’s Paper is where you upload any pdf’s. Project Link is where you upload any links to your mp4 videos.

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Feel free to update your profile or correct any errors.

Basic Info

Additional Questions

Special Award Nominations

Student's First Name

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Student's Last Name

Student

Parent/Guardian's First Name

First Name

Parent/Guardian's Last Name

Last Name

Address

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Address 2

asdf

City State, Zip

Lincoln

Nebraska

68504

Phone

(999) 999-9999

Cell Phone

Cell phone

Project Title:

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☐ Team Project

Category:

Junior Individual Performance

Description:

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Entry's Paper:

Upload File

Entry Video URL:

Entry Video URL

Project Key:

725ed5b9-7729-4ecd-b905-4b8b19ceaa75

Project Leader:

Advancing Student

Special Awards Nomination

Students can nominate an entry through the online registration system; teachers can nominate an entry by emailing Shari Sorenson (ssorenso@nebrwesleyan.edu).

History Nebraska Award:

The History Nebraska Award is presented to both a Junior and Senior Division entry. The award focuses on the best local, county, or state topic from Nebraska *having superior use of archival materials*. Each division award carries a cash prize of \$100 (divided among participants if awarded to a group entry). The sponsoring teacher will receive a free year's membership to History Nebraska (a \$30.00 value).

NEBRASKALand Foundation Award:

The NEBRASKALand Foundation Award honors the best entries in both the Junior and Senior Divisions that deal with a person, place, event, institution or other development that contributed to the heritage of Nebraska. Each division award carries a cash prize: \$300 for first place and \$200 for second place (divided among participants if awarded to a group entry) plus two honorable mentions (no monetary award) in the Junior and Senior Divisions.

The following Awards are automatically awarded to the highest-ranking entry in a specific category:

Nebraska Wesleyan University Award:

Nebraska Wesleyan University will award a \$500 scholarship for NWU tuition to the first-place winner of each Senior Individual Category at the State Contest. The scholarship will be honored upon enrolling at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Michael Berg Memorial Award:

The Michael Berg Memorial Award is given by private donors to the first place of the Senior Individual Documentary in memory of Michael Berg.

Nebraska Press Association Foundation Award:

The Nebraska Press Association Foundation will award \$100 to the first place of the Junior and the Senior Division Historical Paper.

Should Projects Be Revised?

Students are encouraged to review judges' suggestions from the district contest and consider them when revising their projects for state contest. However, any revisions for group projects should be done remotely. Feel free to look at the national website (nhd.org) webinars and google chats for additional guidance. Students should take the time to check their work (project, title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography) for typographical errors and misspellings. These types of errors should not be occurring at the state level. All projects should be polished by the time they reach the state level!

Considering the change to a virtual contest, students in the Historical Paper, Exhibit, and Website categories may wish to review their word counts to take full advantage of this component.

Historical Papers – 2,500 maximum words (student composed and quotations)

Exhibits – 500 maximum student-composed words

Website – 1,200 maximum student-composed words

Every category requires a title page as the first page of all written material. (For websites, the home page serves as a title page). Title page contains the title, student name(s), division, category, word count for student-composed words, and process paper word count.

Every category, except historical paper, must have a process paper. Maximum of 500 words.

Student Fee

\$12.00 per student

Checks payable to **Nebraska National History Day.**

Memo line: **Name of student(s)**

Student fees are due as soon as possible.

Send to:

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Nebraska National History Day

Attn. Shari Sorenson

5000 St Paul Ave

Lincoln NE 68504

All students in a group entry are required to pay the student fee. Members within a group cannot change from district to state or from state to nationals.

Questions?

Contact us at:

Nebraska National History Day
Nebraska Wesleyan University
5000 St. Paul Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68504-2794
(402) 465-2439 or 1-800-541-3818, ext. 2439
(campus office may be closed, email is preferred method of communication)

Direct your questions to:
Shari Sorenson, Event Coordinator
ssorenso@nebrwesleyan.edu

Or send us a message through the state website
<https://www.nebraskanhd.org/contact>

If you have not had a reply within 24 hours, please contact:
Steve Wills, State Coordinator
swills@nebrwesleyan.edu

Please include your name, e-mail address, and your comment or inquiry.



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