



Manatee County History Fair Local Competition Information

- Middle School and High School students may participate as individuals or in groups up to 5 students. They are also eligible to move up in the competition to the State and National levels. Fourth and fifth grade elementary school students may participate as part of a class project and are not eligible to advance past the local competition level. Unfortunately, we cannot accept individual and small group projects from elementary school competitors.
- *Each teacher may only enter 5 entries per category.* This means that “Teacher X” can register up to 5 historical papers, 5 individual exhibit boards, 5 group exhibit boards, 5 individual websites, 5 group websites, 5 individual documentaries, 5 group documentaries, 5 individual performances, and 5 group performances. *These limits will be strictly enforced.*
- Each teacher will need to register for a login and password on the Manatee County Clerk of Court website. (See login and registration instructions)
- Parents are not permitted to register their own students and students are not permitted to register themselves.
- Manatee County History Fair does NOT require schools to conduct a school-wide history fair. Teachers, at the direction of their schools, may determine how to select the projects that will move on to the county level competition.
- Only students registered by the close of online registration will be judged for county level competition. If you have a question about which students were registered, please contact Melissa Porter at 941-741-4075 or Melissa.Porter@Manateeclerk.com .
- Please refer to the NHD Rulebook at NHD.org for category specific rules. These rules will be enforced at the Manatee County History Fair.
- **Website entries MUST be created on www.nhd.weebly.com (See NHD website category quick guide)**
- Students will NOT be interviewed by judges for historical papers, websites or exhibit boards.



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- Judges WILL ask questions/interview students at the conclusion of documentary and performance presentations.
- Documentary and Performance judging will take place at Manatee County History Fair by appointment. The time and building location will be assigned after registration closes and be emailed to teachers the following week to be disbursed to students. Students must bring 3 copies of their bibliography and process paper to judging.
- Documentary entries will be provided with a standard DVD player or projector (without USB ports) for their presentation. If the documentary is saved to something other than a DVD or there is a question about compatibility, it is the responsibility of the student to bring their own laptop to play their documentary from. They will not be penalized for using a computer.
- Documentary entries will need to leave a copy of their presentation at Manatee Village Historical Park for run-off judging. This will be returned with the judging sheets.
- Exhibit board judging will take place at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Students must leave 3 copies of their bibliography and process paper with their project for judging.
- Historical papers must attach their bibliography to their entry for judging.
- Websites must include their bibliography and process paper in their website entry.
- All category entrants can pick up their judging sheets at the Manatee County Fairgrounds during the exhibit board pick-up time. Any judging sheets not picked up will be returned to their teachers the following week.
- We will make every attempt to send a winners list to teachers by email the day of the awards ceremony.
- Entries for state team will be selected from each category based on entry content, subject matter, and research conducted. Winning 1st or 2nd place does not guarantee selection to move on to the next level of competition. State team members will be announced at the awards ceremony.
- If you have students selected for Florida History Fair, you will be contacted by staff at Manatee Village Historical Park to discuss further instructions for students, parents, and teachers.