Performance Category
2022-23 Season

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Tennessee Historical Society

The Tennessee Historical Society is a non-profit, membership organization headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Established in 1849, the Society's purpose is to "promote interest in and preservation of all matters relating to the history of Tennessee."

Activities undertaken to support this purpose include publication of the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, public programs and lecture series, special projects such as publication of *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, an active collection of artifacts and documents important to the history of Tennessee, and the coordination of Tennessee History Day.

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Performance Category

- Who should compete in this category?
  - Students who have the time to do the research and to craft that research into a performance
  - Students who have an understanding of narrative

To Consider

- Individual vs. Group
  - How will you collaborate with your group? Are you able to do it all at school, or will you need additional time? Can this be done online?
  - How is your story best conveyed?

You will need to submit a recording this year at the registration deadline.

Technology Needs and Options

- This year, you will need to record your performance and submit it as a .mp4 file via SmugMug, same as last year.
- This just needs to be a one-take recording with no post-processing (no editing)

New this Year: Recording

- Does this mean you can't make changes after you submit your project?
  - In short, yes. I know changes may occur. I will strongly encourage you not to tinker too heavily. Have it contest ready by deadline.
- You are still performing at the contest!
- You are still going to be interviewed by the judges. Nothing about the contest structure itself will change. We are just preparing for the potential of unforeseen contest interruptions (weather, etc.).
- Consider this a recording of your dress-rehearsal. Do not pan the camera, have someone else do lighting, etc.

Adult Assistance

- COSTUMES AND PROPS
  - You may have assistance in producing your costume or props, but the design, choice of fabrics, etc. must be your own. Or, you may buy or rent a costume. See Rule 10 (p. 16) for more information regarding reasonable help.

- RECORDING
  - An adult may operate the camera for you or help you format your file for submission to SmugMug (example: edit out dead air at beginning or end)

Rules for Submission This Year

- COSTUMES AND PROPS
  - Please only use backgrounds and props that you will be bringing to your live performance at the contest.
  - If you aren't bringing a couch to your regional contest, don't have it in your recording
- RECORDING
  - Any audio recordings, music, or media should be present in the recording as part of the performance. Audio cannot be added later.
  - Individual and group performances should be recorded in one take regardless of the platform. Editing of any kind is not permitted. Do not edit multiple clips together or edit in digital effects or audio. Consider it a dress rehearsal!

Remember

- In the Performance category, you are being judged on your process paper, bibliography, and performance
- Be sure to focus on your written components. This is the first introduction a judge has to your work. Make sure it follows the guidelines!

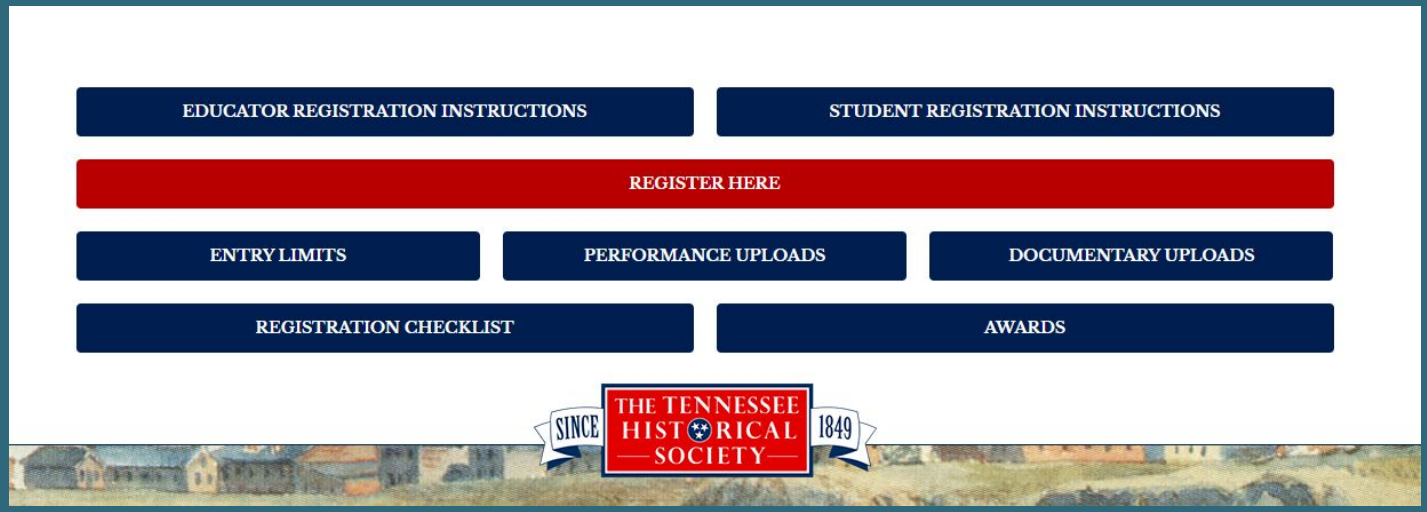
Rules Changes

Rule 13 | Prohibited Materials (p. 17)
Added: Toy and replica weapons are now prohibited from NHD competitions, as well as anything that could cause damage to the competition venue.

Interaction (B5, p. 26) – During your performance you may not interact with or require participation by the audience.

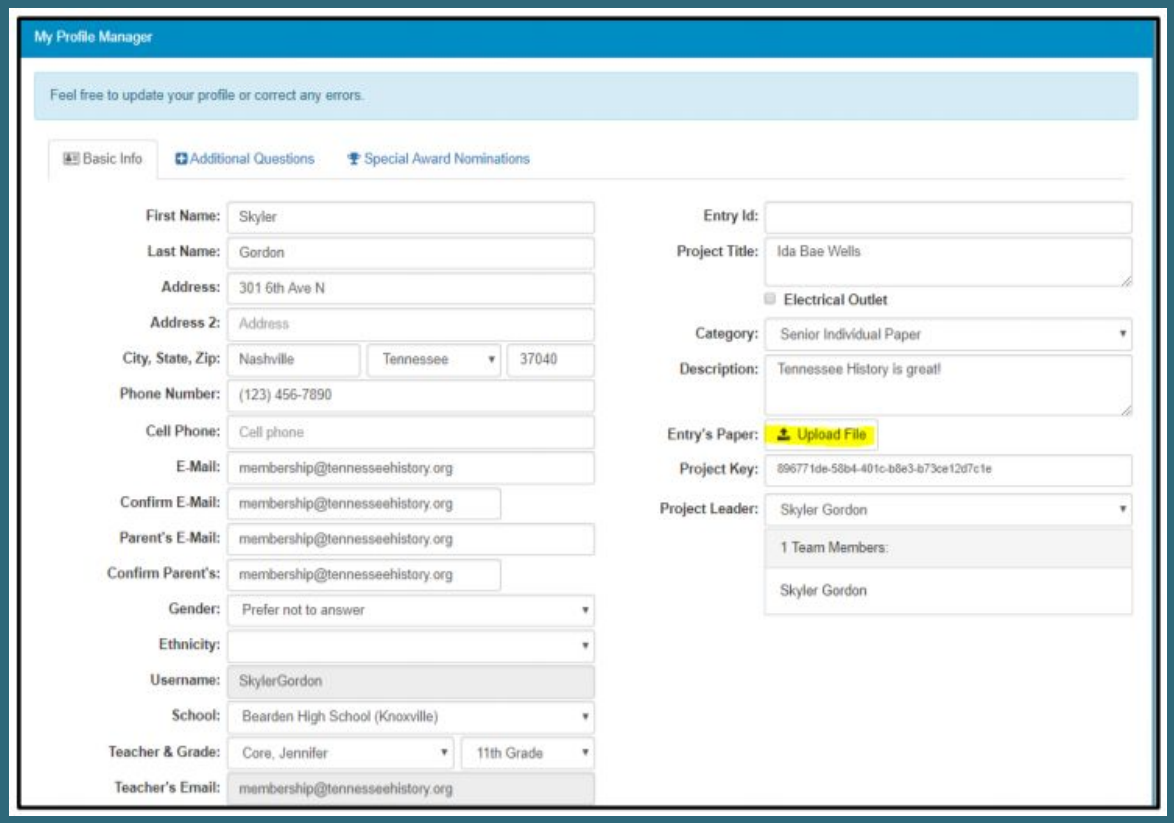
Submission of Entry: Recording

.mp4 of your actual Performance, submitted via SmugMug

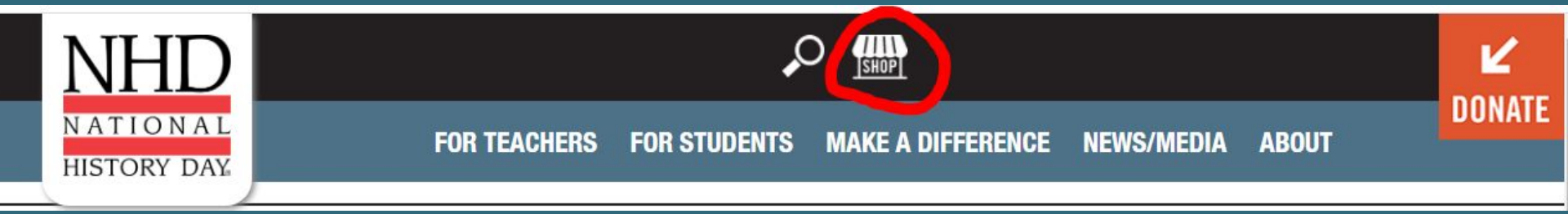


Submission of Entry: Paperwork

Cover Sheet, Process Paper, and Annotated Bibliography IN THAT ORDER
submitted via the registration system



Performance Resources

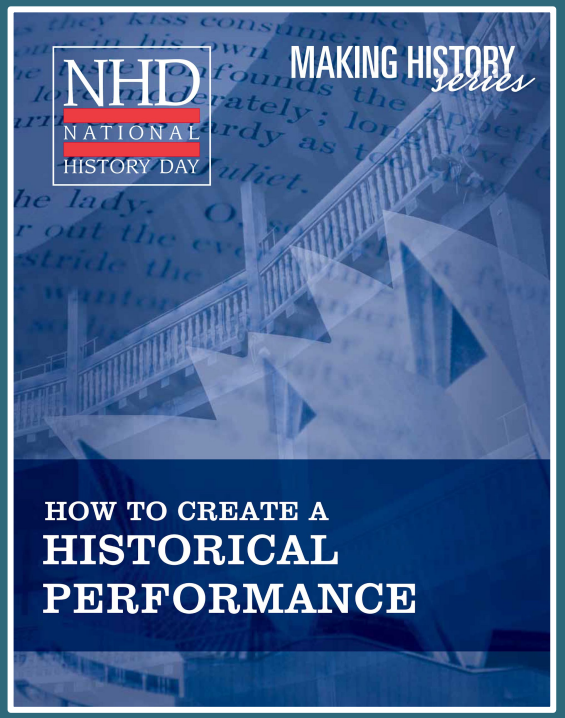


How to Create a Historical Performance

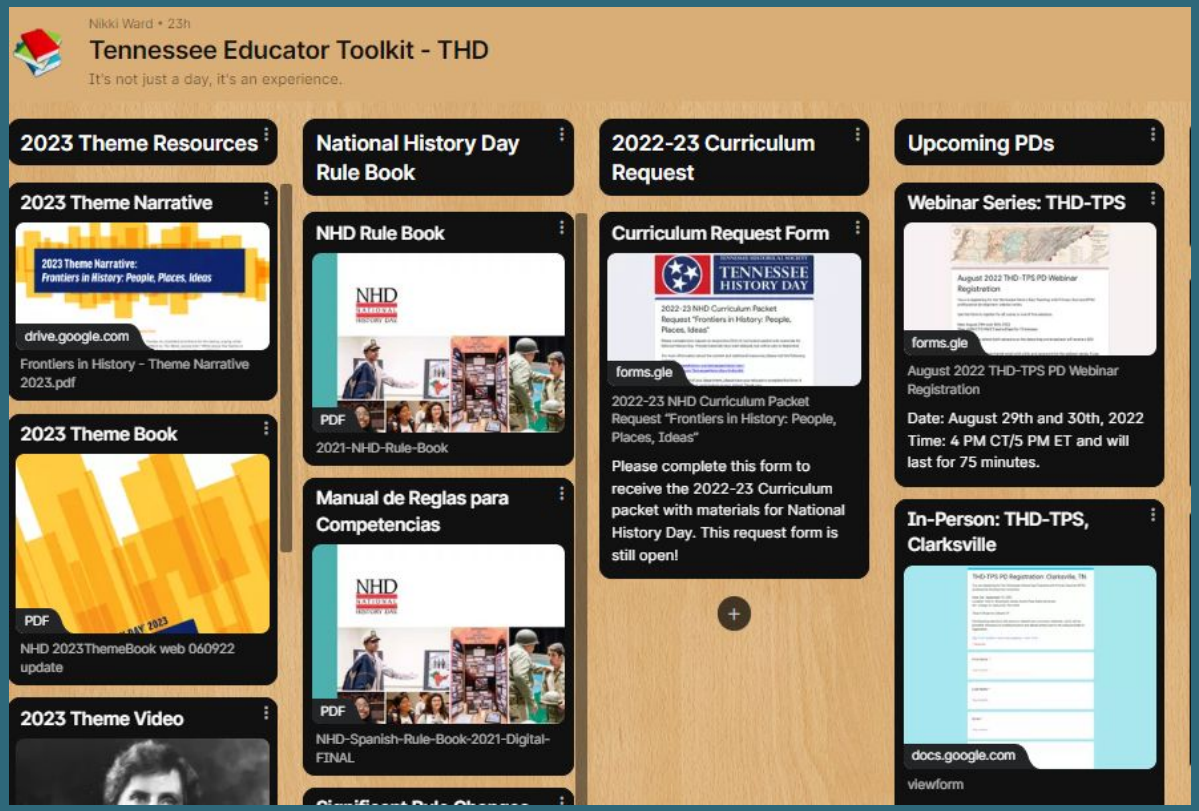
$29

Available in NHD shop

nhd.org



Performance Resources: Student and Educator Padlet



https://padlet.com/TennesseeHistoryDay/thdtoolkit

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Performance Resources: Getting Started

https://tennesseehistory.org/tennessee-history-day/getting-started-2/

Performance Resources: Contest Information

Tennessee History Day

All entries must be completed and submitted by the registration deadline. You will be judged on the project you submit on this date.

Important Dates: District Contests

Registration for both district contests opens: **FRI., OCT. 3, 2022**

Registration deadline for both district contests: **FRI., OCT. 28, 2022**

District contests: **FRI., NOV. 18, 2022**

Important Dates: Regional Contests

Registration for all regional contests opens: **THURS., DEC. 1, 2022**

Educator registration deadline for all regional contests: **TUES., JAN. 17, 2023**

Student registration deadline for all regional contests: **WEDS., FEB. 1, 2023**

2023 Category Videos

Join THD staff for a pre-recorded deep dive into the five different categories. We will be discussing rules changes and submission guidelines. Videos will be made available in early September, 2022.

Performance Video
Exhibit Video
Paper Video
Documentary Video
Website Video

2023 Advising Office Hours

Join THD staff for Open House advising sessions. You can test out your thesis, ask for advice on formatting pdfs, and clarify deadlines. The Office Hours are open to educators and students. Your meeting link will be sent after you complete a quick registration. These sessions will not be recorded.

All Advising Open House sessions will begin at 4 pm CST/5 pm EST and last one hour. You do not need to stay for the entire hour and a half. Feel free to come and go as needed!

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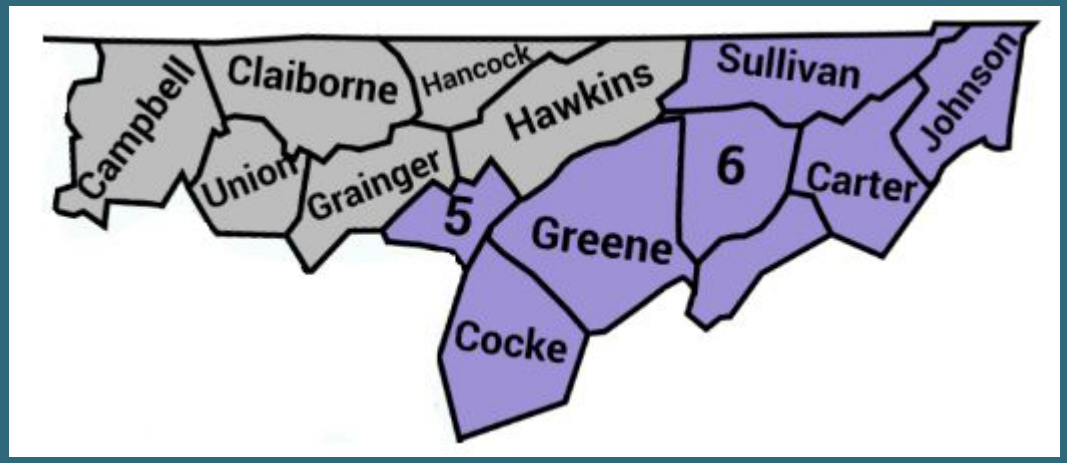

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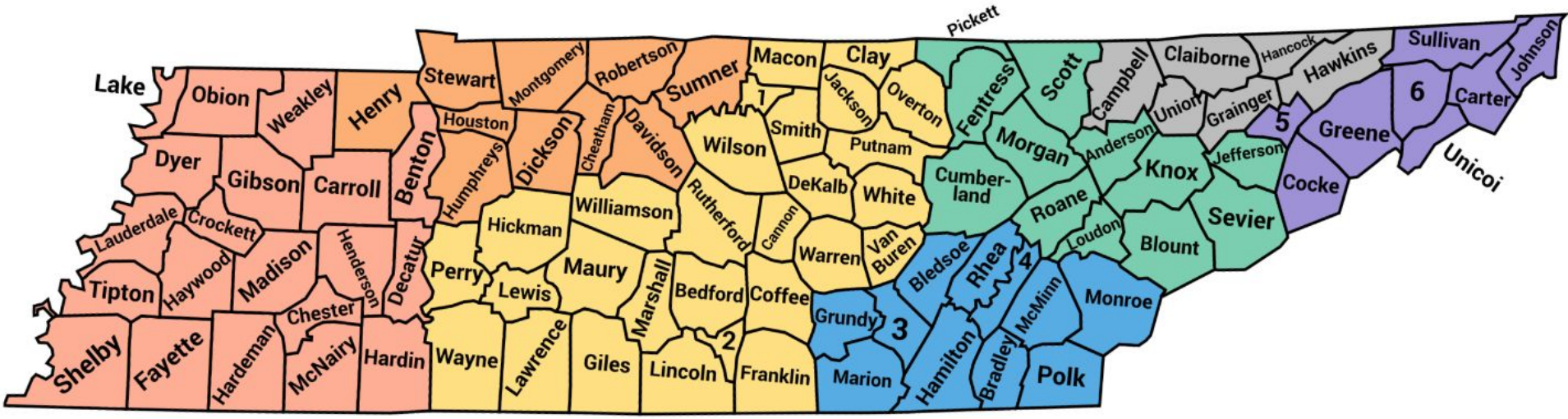

Advising Office Hours Sessions

All Advising Open House sessions will begin at 4 pm CST/5 pm EST and last 1.5 hours. Pop in as needed!

Monday, September 12th: 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Monday, October 24th: 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Monday, November 14th: 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Monday, December 5th: 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Monday, January 23rd: 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT

https://tennesseehistory.org/tennessee-history-day/virtual-contest-resources/

Questions? Email me!
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