

Special Prize	Award Sponsor	Description
Outstanding Entry for Use of Materials from a Connecticut Museum or Collecting Institution	Connecticut League of History Organizations	For over 50 years, the Connecticut League has strengthened and sustained our state's history and museum community by sharing knowledge and experience and promoting best practices among all who steward Connecticut's past. This prize is awarded to the entry (any category or division) that best utilizes primary resources from a Connecticut collecting institution: a museum, historical society, library, archive, community heritage organization, or other historic site.
Outstanding Entry in Native American History	Akomawt Educational Initiative	Akomawt Educational Initiative is dedicated to furthering knowledge of Native America through innovative learning approaches designed to impact how we teach history and contemporary social issues. This prize (any category or division) recognizes the outstanding entry focused on Native American history.
Outstanding Entry in American Colonial History	Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford	This prize is awarded to the outstanding entry (in any category or division) relating to colonial American history, with preference given to projects exploring 17th century Connecticut history. This prize is awarded by The Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, a charitable and educational society that promotes the widest public interest in Hartford history.
Prize for Outstanding Entry in American Legal History Junior & Senior Prize	Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society	The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society exists to promote the study and learning of judicial and constitutional history and traditions.. The society therefore presents two awards to an Outstanding Connecticut History Day entry in any category of the senior division and an Outstanding Connecticut History Day entry of the junior division that each relate to law that relates to law in American history, with priority going to law in Connecticut history.
Outstanding Entry in Connecticut History	Connecticuthistory.org, a program of CT Humanities	Connecticuthistory.org, a program of CT Humanities, is an active website that is our state's home for stories and resources about the people, traditions, innovations, and events that make up the history of Connecticut. This special prize is awarded to the project (any category or division) that focuses on a Connecticut-related topic of any time period. The prize can relate to a Connecticut event, movement, place or person.

<p>Outstanding Entry that incorporates a building, landscape or archeological site in the US that promotes a historic preservation ethic.</p>	<p>Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)</p>	<p>This award (any category, either division) is presented to the Connecticut History Day project that best incorporates a preserved building, landscape or archeological site of historical significance in the United States. SHPO is responsible for overseeing the governmental program of historic preservation for Connecticut's citizens. SHPO administers a range of federal and state programs that identify, register and protect the buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects that comprise Connecticut's cultural heritage. SHPO operates four state-owned museums, the Henry Whitfield State Museum (Guilford), Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine (East Granby), The Prudence Crandall Museum (Canterbury).</p>
<p>Outstanding Entry Related to an Under-Represented Connecticut Community</p>	<p>Connecticut Landmarks</p>	<p>Founded in 1936, Connecticut Landmarks is a state-wide network of twelve historic properties that span four centuries of Connecticut history. The organization works with the Sites of Conscience program to explore and tell stories of the under-represented in history. This prize (any category or division) recognizes an outstanding entry focused on under-represented histories, such as Black history, LGBTQIA+ history, Latino history, Native history, women's history, or the history of another under-represented community in Connecticut.</p>
<p>David O. White Prize for Outstanding Entry in African-American History</p>	<p>Association for the Study of Connecticut History</p>	<p>The Association for the Study of Connecticut History promotes the study of the history of Connecticut. This prize commemorates longtime ASCH Board Member, David White's, expertise and interest in African-American history. The prize is awarded to the outstanding entry (any category, either division) that relates to African-American history.</p>
<p>Outstanding Entry in World History Junior & Senior Division Prizes</p>	<p>Connecticut Council for the Social Studies</p>	<p>CCSS is organized and maintained to advocate and advance the study and teaching of the social studies, to promote the professional interests of teachers and others engaged in social studies education, and to encourage and support meaningful development and implementation of social studies curriculum and instructional methods. This prize is awarded to the outstanding entries in the junior and senior division (any category) that explores a World History (non-American) topic.</p>
<p>Outstanding Award Related to a Social Justice Issue</p>	<p>History Department, Southern Connecticut State University</p>	<p>Southern Connecticut State University provides exemplary graduate and undergraduate education in the liberal arts and professional disciplines. As an intentionally diverse and comprehensive university, Southern is committed to academic excellence, access, social justice, and service for the public good. This prize is awarded to the outstanding entry (any category, either division) that explores an issue of social justice.</p>

Outstanding Entry Related to Civics, Government, or Citizenship	Connecticut Democracy Center	CTDC is committed to strengthening civic engagement and participation by providing comprehensive and unbiased educational programming and outreach on state government, civics and citizenship throughout the state of Connecticut. This prize is awarded to the outstanding entry (any category or division) that relates to an aspect of civics, government or civic participation. Priority is given to projects focused on state government.
Outstanding Entry Related to Slavery or Abolition	The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition	The GLC is dedicated to the investigation and dissemination of knowledge concerning all aspects of chattel slavery and its destruction. This prize is awarded to the outstanding entry (any category or division) that relates to slavery and its abolition. Projects are not limited to American history, but can focus on global topics.
Outstanding Entry that Best Incorporates Jewish History, Heritage and/or a Jewish Personality	Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County	The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County provides historical and educational materials and information about the Jewish community of Fairfield County and serves the community through its membership and its archival resources. This prize is awarded the most outstanding entry that best focuses on an event in Jewish History, Jewish contributions to society or a Jewish personality.
Special Prize for an Outstanding Entry in Aerospace or Technological History	New England Air Museum	The New England Air Museum is dedicated to preserving our region's aerospace legacy both past and present. This prize is awarded to a project in any division or category that celebrates aerospace history and/or the history of technology and innovation.
The Bruce Stave Special Prize for the Best Use of Oral, Immigrant, or Urban History	Connecticut Coalition for History	The Connecticut Coalition for History, formerly the CT Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, encourages the study and appreciation of history by serving as a clearinghouse of information about the history community and as a facilitator and advocate on behalf of our diverse constituencies. Given in memory of renowned oral historian, Bruce Stave, this prize recognizes projects that focus on either oral, immigrant, or urban history (projects may include of a combination of these)
Free Connecticut Explored subscription for students winning First Place and their teachers	Connecticut Explored, the magazine of Connecticut History	Connecticut Explored is the magazine and podcast of Connecticut history. A nonprofit organization, Connecticut Explored celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2012 and in Spring 2015 printed their 50th issue. First place finishers (in all categories and divisions) at the State Contest receive a free subscription to the magazine, as do their teachers.

<p>Bill Brayfield Award for 1st Place Junior Group Documentary</p>	<p>Connecticut Coalition for History</p>	<p>The Connecticut Coalition for History, formerly the CT Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, encourages the study and appreciation of history by serving as a clearinghouse of information about the history community and as a facilitator and advocate on behalf of our diverse constituencies. The Bill Brayfield Award is given to the project that wins first place in Junior Group Documentary in memory of Professor Bill Brayfield, one of the originators of NHD in Connecticut</p>
<p>Bruce Fraser Prize for Outstanding Senior Paper</p>	<p>Connecticut Coalition for History</p>	<p>The Connecticut Coalition for History, formerly the CT Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, encourages the study and appreciation of history by serving as a clearinghouse of information about the history community and as a facilitator and advocate on behalf of our diverse constituencies. The Bruce Fraser Award is given to the student who wins first place in Senior Papers in memory of Bruce Fraser, the longtime director of Connecticut Humanities.</p>
<p>Wayne Smith Memorial Award for 1st Place Junior Individual Performance</p>	<p>WWS Foundation</p>	<p>The WWS Foundation, a not for profit organization, was established in memory of William Wayne Smith who was born in Montgomery, AL in 1926. Wayne was an avid traveler, beginning when he served in the US Navy during WWII as a Sonarman Second Class, stationed throughout the US and the Pacific Ocean. He returned to Montgomery after the war and began working for the Otis Elevator Company in Alabama, Florida, New York and Connecticut for the next 35+ years. Wayne traveled extensively throughout his career, visiting every state in the US and dozens of foreign countries. Upon his retirement, he continued to travel as part of the Friendship Force, highlighted by trips to Egypt and China. Throughout his life, he appreciated meeting people and sharing stories. The Wayne Smith Memorial Award was established to award 'historical storytellers' in the Individual Performance category for the Junior & Senior divisions.</p>

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