



ALABAMA HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

Alabama History Day: Special Awards

Each year, a variety of special awards are offered during the Alabama History Day contest to recognize student achievement in particular topic areas. Read the descriptions below to learn about this year's special award offerings.

Friends of the Alabama Archives Award of Merit in Memory of Rickie Brunner and Cynthia Luckie Sponsored by the Friends of the Alabama Archives



This award recognizes up to two (2) outstanding Alabama History Day projects in either category that demonstrate substantive use of the collections of the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery.

Projects may be on an Alabama event, movement, place, or person — or, have a broader scope or regional focus strengthened by incorporating resources from the ADAH collections. Special consideration will be made for entries that use collections as integrated source material, building a credible foundation for the project's argument(s), and not solely for illustrative purposes.

About this award's sponsor: The Friends of the Alabama Archives is an auxiliary of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, which is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. The ADAH mission is to tell the story of the people of Alabama by preserving records and artifacts of historical value and promoting a better understanding of Alabama history. friendsofthealabamaarchives.org

Eligible projects: Individual and team projects; both age divisions; any category.
NOTE: This is one of two awards The Friends expects to award annually, but it reserves the right to make only one award or none, or to award both prizes in the same project category or age division.

Prize amount: First prize – \$200; Honorable mention – \$100 (if presented).



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Alabama Character Awards

Sponsored by the Interstate Character Council, Inc.

The Alabama Character Awards are presented to students of Alabama history whose essay subject(s) exhibit character, or the development of character, in their lives. Students are encouraged to focus their entries on at least one of the Alabama character traits mandated to be taught in grades K-12, which include: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, and perseverance.



To be considered, submit an essay of no more than 500 words.

About this award's sponsor: The Interstate Character Council, Inc., promotes, encourages, and supports character-building in schools and communities throughout the state and nation. The organization's vision is to foster a virtuous and just, compassionate society that encourages kindness to one another by connecting education and community stakeholders to promote high character ideals.

Eligible projects: Individual and team projects; both age divisions; any category.

NOTE: Essays submitted should not be more than 500 words.

Prize amounts: First place – Jr. (\$100); First place – Sr. (\$100); Second place – Jr. (\$50); Second place – Sr. (\$50); Honorable mention – Jr. (\$25); Honorable mention – Sr. (\$25).



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National Maritime History Prize

Presented by the National Maritime Historical Society



This award is presented to projects that focus on maritime-related topics. To encourage the study of maritime history, the National Maritime Historical Society offers prizes for maritime-related projects in 24 states, including Alabama. Four prizes are offered, with a first and second prize awarded in both age divisions.

The National Maritime Historical Society is an international organization headquartered in Peekskill, New York. Since 1965, its mission has been to educate Americans about our nation's extraordinary maritime accomplishments and their continuing relevance for our national prosperity and cultural vitality. Learn more: seahistory.org

Eligible projects: Individual and team projects; both age divisions; any category.

Prize amount:

First Place: \$100 (one each for Junior and Senior divisions)

Second Place: \$50 (one each for Junior and Senior divisions)

NOTE: All prizes to be divided among team members, if applicable. Both first- and second-place prizes also include a one-year membership in NMHS, which includes *Sea History* magazine, recognition on the NMHS website, and a certificate of achievement. The mentoring teacher for each winning project will also receive a one-year membership with NMHS and recognition on the NMHS website.