



# 2024 – 2025 Junior Science and Humanities Symposium

## Core Rules of Competition

### Eligibility Rules: Regional and National Symposia

Students may compete in only one regional symposium. The address of the student's school

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Projects that are demonstrations, 'library' research or informational projects are not appropriate

The date/time for the student's presentation is determined by regional and national symposia

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utilize the region's registration link to apply and submit all

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This is clarified in each region's

[Statement of Outside Assistance](#)



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## Eight Categories of Regional and National Symposia

At the end of the year, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will be holding a series of eight symposia on regional and national symposia. The symposia will be held in the following order: 1. Regional Symposium on the History of the United States, 2. National Symposium on the History of the United States, 3. Regional Symposium on the History of the United States, 4. National Symposium on the History of the United States, 5. Regional Symposium on the History of the United States, 6. National Symposium on the History of the United States, 7. Regional Symposium on the History of the United States, 8. National Symposium on the History of the United States.

## Abstract Preparation

Abstracts are short, concise summaries of the main points of a research paper. They are usually written in a formal, objective style and are often the first part of a paper that is read by other researchers. Abstracts should be clear, concise, and to the point, and should provide a brief overview of the paper's purpose, methods, results, and conclusions. The word "must" is used to indicate a requirement or a strong recommendation.

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**Plagiarism**

Any use of text, images, or other materials without proper attribution is considered plagiarism. This includes copying text verbatim, paraphrasing without citation, and using images or data without permission.

Students must always cite their sources. Proper citation includes the author's name, the title of the work, and the publication information. Failure to cite sources correctly is a violation of academic integrity.

Plagiarism can result in serious consequences, including failing a course or being expelled from the university. It is essential to understand the rules and to always give credit to the original author.

For more information on plagiarism, please refer to the university's academic integrity policy.

**Statement of Outside Assistance**

Students must disclose any outside assistance received during their research. This includes help from family members, friends, or other students. The statement should describe the nature and extent of the assistance received.

**Research Involving Vertebrate Animals or Human Subjects**

Research involving vertebrate animals or human subjects requires special approval. Students must complete a protocol and obtain approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

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## Requirements for the Oral Presentations

dimensions are 12" x 24" x 12".

and must be no larger than 10" high x 36" wide.

The Title should be at least one inch (72 pts) in height. The student's name and



## Judging Process

### Judging Criteria

Regional and National judges evaluate students' work based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality of the project
- Quality of the work and the presentation
- Understanding of the concept and the ability to apply it
- Ability to work in a team and communicate effectively
- Ability to solve problems and think critically
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