



Evaluation Forms and Judging Instructions

Teachers and county coordinators should use National History Day's Evaluation Forms—also called "judging forms" or "judges' score sheets"—for school and county contests. A separate form exists for each category, and sets are available for first- and final-round judging. Depending on the category, forms are given to judges at the competition or mailed/emailed in advance.

When you make copies of the evaluation forms, remember that NHD and Florida History Fair categories are color-coded for convenience:

- Performance category is blue;
- Documentary category is green;
- Exhibit category is pink;
- Historical paper category is yellow; and
- Web site category is violet.

Judging instructions, which you should send to judges prior to coming to your contest, also are color-coded. It is perfectly acceptable for students to read the instructions for their category so they will know what judges are looking for and what to expect during their interview.

Evaluation form templates and judging instructions can be ordered at the National History Day web site, (www.nhd.org). County coordinators who order materials for their teachers should use the Coordinator Order Form, available from the state coordinator, to take advantage of special rates.