

VERMONT HISTORY DAY 2021 Special Prizes



These prizes have been confirmed as of October 2020.
The list will be updated as other prizes are confirmed.

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Prize

Sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation

The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation will award \$250 to a first place winner with a Superior ranking for an outstanding entry on a United States history topic. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

Freedom and Unity Civics Prize

Sponsored by the Friends of the Vermont State House

The Friends of the Vermont State House will award prizes to the projects that best express the spirit of the Vermont motto - Freedom and Unity - as practiced in an open government and with civic engagement for all people. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to one project in each age division, junior and senior. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize

Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society through the George F. Edmunds Fund

The George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize honors the work and memory of George F. Edmunds, Vermont's senator from 1866 to 1891. A monetary prize and engraved medal are awarded to superior projects reflecting on the life and work of George F. Edmunds or relating to the history, problems, or general welfare of Vermont. Students earn recognition for finding unappreciated primary sources and for using their own interests and experiences as launching points. The money will be distributed evenly among group members. Each winner will receive an engraved medal.

First Place, Senior Division \$350

Second Place, Senior Division \$150

First Place, Junior Division \$350

Second Place, Junior Division \$150

International Studies Award

Sponsored by the Kelly Foundation

The Kelly Foundation will award prizes in recognition of the most outstanding entries that connect the National History Day annual theme to an international person or event. There will be two prizes awarded (First and Second place) in each division (Senior and Junior) with prize amounts based on the type of project (individual or group).

Senior Division

First Place \$125 (Ind) or \$200 (Group)

Second Place \$75 (Ind) or \$100 (Group)

Junior Division

First Place \$125 (Ind) or \$200 (Group)

Second Place \$75 (Ind) or \$100 (Group)

Labor History Prize

Sponsored by the Vermont Labor History Society

The Vermont Labor History Society will award \$100 for an outstanding entry related to the history of working people in Vermont. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

Mollie Beattie Memorial Environmental Prize

Sponsored in honor of Mollie Beattie

The Mollie Beattie Memorial Prize of \$150 is awarded to an outstanding project focusing on the natural world. In addition to adhering to the annual theme, the entry could address topics including, but not limited to, preservation of wild lands, protection of fish, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, the support of threatened species, or similar aspirations that human members of the natural world strive to achieve in Mollie's honor. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

Mollie Beattie started her environmental stewardship career as Vermont's Commissioner of the Vermont Division of Forests, Parks and Recreation. She later became the first woman director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Among her legacies is the reintroduction of the grey wolf to Yellowstone National Park.

Vermont History Award

Sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society

The Vermont History Award of \$300 is presented to an entry in each age division, senior and junior, for demonstrated excellence in the use of primary sources for researching a Vermont history topic. In addition to the monetary award, the winning student(s) will receive a publication about Vermont history. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

Vermont State Archives Award for Outstanding Use of Primary Sources

Sponsored by the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Secretary of State

The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration will award prizes to projects that demonstrate outstanding use of primary sources, particularly Vermont primary sources. The money will be distributed evenly among group members.

First Place \$125

Second Place \$75

Women's History Award

Sponsored by Patricia Passmore Alley in memory of Helen Vrooman Passmore

The Women's History Award is presented to the best project focusing on the contributions of a woman or women in history. The recipient of this award will receive \$250. The award will be distributed evenly among group members.

Teacher Prizes

Shelburne Museum Award

Sponsored by Shelburne Museum

A teacher with a high student participation in Vermont History Day and dedication to the program will win a self-guided visit to Shelburne Museum. The winner may bring up to 50 students and 10 adults to the museum during the 2021 calendar year, with advance reservations. Contact academic programs coordinator Mollie Davis at (802) 985-3346 x3392, or schoolprograms@shelburnemuseum.org.

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Teacher Award

Sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation

The Coolidge Foundation offers a free History Exploration Visit for one class (up to 30 students) to the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont. An advance reservation is required. Contact the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation at (802) 672-3389 or education@calvin-coolidge.org.