

Photography and Videography Guidelines

These guidelines apply to National History Day in Minnesota Regional/District contests and the Minnesota State History Day contest.

The goal of all History Day contests is to recognize student achievement and ensure fair judging. At no point should photography and/or videography interrupt or influence contest judging.

Official Event Photography/Videography

Official photographers/videographers will be identified either through a Minnesota History Day lanyard or staff/mentor attire. These photographers/videographers will capture many elements of the event, which may include registration, student presentations, and awards. Photographs will be available after the event on the Minnesota History Day Flickr page.

Spectator Photography/Videography

Photography and videography by attendees and their teachers/families is permitted at the event. All spectator photography/videography must adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Photography/Videography During Student Presentations:** Spectator photographers and videographers must get the prior consent of the student participant(s) before photographing or video-recording student presentations.
- **Photography/Videography During Student Interviews:** Spectator photographers and videographers must get the prior consent of both the student participant(s) **and** judges before photographing or video-recording interviews.

Media Release

As part of the registration process for Regional/District and State contests, all participants will be asked to agree to the following: "I give the Minnesota Historical Society, University of Minnesota, National History Day, Inc. and its partners the unlimited right to use the voice and/or image of me or my child/legal ward, for publicity, and/or in documentaries, or other education materials and media."

Do Not Photograph Requests

"Do Not Photograph" requests must be made in writing to the event coordinator at least one week in advance of the event. We will do our best to ensure that official event photographers do not photograph your student, but cannot eliminate the risk from event attendees and spectators.

Please contact Minnesota History Day staff with any questions about these guidelines.