



Celebrate Texas
Independence
Day!

2026 Student Texas History Fair

2026 Theme:

Revolutions in Texas' History

Each year, students across North Texas in grades 3-12 are invited to discover Texas history by creating research based historical projects for the Student Texas History Fair hosted by the Texas Heroes Foundation in celebration of Texas' Independence Day.

Awards:

- ★ \$500 Senior Scholarship
- ★ \$100 People's Choice Award
- ★ \$100 1st Place in Each Category & Division
- ★ \$75 2nd Place in Each Category & Division
- ★ \$50 3rd Place in Each Category & Division

- ★ \$100 Group Award in Each Category & Division

Categories:

- ★ Exhibit
- ★ Research Paper
- ★ Creative Writing Paper
- ★ Performance
- ★ Artwork

Deadlines:

Creative Writing & Research Papers - electronically on Registration Form or by Mail to Texas Heroes Foundation Attn: Student History Fair, P.O. Box 5356, Granbury, TX 76049 **by 2/13/26.**

Performing Art, Artwork & Exhibits - in person at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Hwy. on either **2/22/26 from 3-5 pm** or **2/23/26 from 5-7pm.**

ALL ENTRIES: Must complete one Registration Form per Entry: <https://bit.ly/SHF2026> - (case sensitive). **Limit of 2 entries per year in different categories.**

AWARDS Reception and Ceremony will be held at Acton Methodist Church on Friday, February 27th, starting at 5:00 pm. All entries will be available to view and vote for People's Choice Award from 5:00-6:15 pm. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm.

All Entries **MUST** be picked up by the end of the awards ceremony on February 27th at Acton Methodist Church. All entries not picked up will be discarded.

Contact: Heather Flannery, SHF Chairperson - 940-465-0431 or march2texas@gmail.com

Rules For Entry

ALL CATEGORIES:

- ★ Complete ONE [Registration Form](#) For Each Entry: (case sensitive)
- ★ Must relate to the 2026 Student Texas History Fair theme “Revolutions in Texas’ History”
- ★ Limit of 2 Entries per year in different categories

Research Paper:

- ★ Must work alone
- ★ Must be original, factual and historically based
- ★ Must be typed and double-spaced
- ★ Word count: less than 1,000 words, provided on cover sheet
- ★ Must provide a list of sources
- ★ Submitted electronically (**PDF only**) on Registration Form, e-mail or mail by **2/13/26**

Creative Writing Paper:

- ★ Must work alone
- ★ Must be original, factual and historically based.
- ★ Must be typed and double-spaced
- ★ Word count: less than 1,000 words, provided on cover
- ★ Must provide a list of sources
- ★ Submitted electronically (**PDF only**) on Registration Form, e-mail or mail by **2/13/26**

Exhibits:

- ★ Work alone or in a group (2-5 students)
- ★ Exhibit size – no larger than 40” wide, 30” deep, and 6’ high.
- ★ Include any combination of photos, research paper, artwork, 3-D models, etc.
- ★ Submitted in-person **2/22/26 from 3-5 pm** or **2/23/26 from 5-7 pm**

Artwork:

- ★ Work alone or in a group (2-5 students)
- ★ Entries can include any painting/print style, sculpture, photography, or any other art form.
- ★ Must be mounted to hang or stable enough to display
- ★ Submitted in-person **2/22/26 from 3-5 pm** or **2/23/26 from 5-7 pm**

Performing Arts:

- ★ Work alone or in a group
- ★ May include ballads, scenes, duets, solo, choirs, etc.
- ★ Must be 10 minutes or less and memorized
- ★ Performed in-person **2/22/26 from 3-5 pm** or **2/23/26 from 5-7 pm - By Appointment ONLY**
- ★ Call Heather Flannery to schedule an appointment at (940) 465-0431

Criteria for Judging

(See Rubrics on website for point breakdown)

- 1. Historical Content & Accuracy**
- 2. Relates to 2026 Student History Fair theme “Revolutions in Texas’ History”**
- 3. Organized Structure and Clearly Stated**
- 4. Creativity and Uniqueness of the subject matter**
- 5. Demonstrates abundant research**
- 6. Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (if applicable)**

For more information about the theme or more opportunities to extend and enhance your project visit:

www.texasheroesfoundation.net and www.nhd.org.