



2026 Regional & State Contest

Project Registration Deadlines & Submission Guidelines

Contest Deadlines

CONTEST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	UPLOAD DEADLINE	CONTEST DATE
Baton Rouge	February 10	February 13	February 26
Natchitoches	February 10	February 13	February 26
Lafayette	February 18	February 21	March 6
Shreveport	February 18	February 21	March 5
New Orleans	February 25	March 2	March 21
State	March 25	March 30	April 11
National			June 14-18

NOTE: All contests' registration & upload deadlines are at 11:59 PM.

Upload & Printing Requirements

Documentary Category

Students are required to submit their project paperwork (process paper, annotated bibliography) through the zFairs registration system by the upload deadline. Judges will review project paperwork prior to the Regional Contest.

Students should submit a draft of their documentary with their registration. They are allowed to make changes until the contest day.

Students must bring 2 printed copies of their project paperwork to the Regional Contest. If students make changes to their project paperwork between the registration deadline and the Regional Contest, they must highlight the changes in the 2 copies they bring to the contest.

Exhibit Category

Students are required to submit their project paperwork (process paper, annotated bibliography) through the zFairs registration system by the upload deadline. Judges will review project paperwork prior to the Regional Contest.

Students do not need to submit a photo or virtual drawing of their exhibit. All exhibits must be three-dimensional and displayed on a table at the contest.

Students must bring 2 printed copies of their project paperwork to the Regional Contest. One copy will go to the judges, and the other copy will remain in front of their exhibit project in the exhibit hall. If students make changes to their project paperwork between the registration deadline and the Regional Contest, they must highlight the changes they made in the 2 copies they bring to the contest.

Paper Category

Students are required to submit their paper and project paperwork (process paper, annotated bibliography) through the zFairs registration system by the upload deadline.

Changes cannot be made to the project or the project paperwork after the submission deadline, as the judges will begin to review the materials.

Students must bring 2 printed copies of their paper and project paperwork to the Regional Contest.

Performance Category

Students are required to submit their project paperwork (process paper, annotated bibliography) through the zFairs registration system by the upload deadline. Judges will review project paperwork prior to the Regional Contest.

Students do not need to submit a link to a recording of their performance project. All performances must be performed live.

Students must bring 2 printed copies of their project paperwork to the Regional Contest. If students make changes to their project paperwork between the registration deadline and the Regional Contest, they must highlight the changes that they made in the 2 copies they bring to the contest.

Website Category

Students are required to submit their project and project paperwork (website link) through the zFairs registration system by the upload deadline.

Websites MUST be created using NHDWebCentral. The link, directions, and more information can be found here: <https://padlet.com/NHDWebCentral/41q0ydvvljh1v5tv>

Changes cannot be made to the project or the project paperwork after the submission deadline, as the judges will begin to review the materials.

Students must bring 2 printed copies of their paper and project paperwork to the Regional Contest.

