**Virtual Social Studies Fair -- Region 10 Rules & General Information** (updated January 5, 2021)

**Virtual Regional Fair: March 2, 2021**

**Virtual Regional Fair Project Submission Deadline: February 12, 2021

 \*\*Please mail entry form and check to Nicholls State University.**

 **\*\*Email to continuing.ed@nicholls.edu your three-minute video, copy of entry form and
 project research paper by February 12, 2021**

**Regional Fair Entrance Requirements**

1. Each parish may send ONE group and ONE individual project PER DISCIPLINE, PER DIVISION in which it holds a parish fair. You may send 2nd place winners if you feel that they would qualify for state.
2. Schools may enter on an individual basis in a division for which there is no parish fair.
3. Each school not participating in a parish fair may send one group and one individual project per discipline per division. You may send 2nd place winners if you feel that they would qualify for state.
4. Non-public schools may opt to participate within the public school’s system competition or to participate separately.

Both individual project and group project entry forms have been included on our website. Please make sure to return forms and video by the deadline. A separate entry form must be completed for every individual and/or group project submitted.

Upon receipt of each entry form a project number will be assigned. Each student or group will receive an emailed with an assigned project number.

**State Social Studies Fair – Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (Face-to-Face competition)**

**Location:** Burton Coliseum – Lake Charles, LA

$25.00 State Fair fee due March 31, 2021 (Additional information will be emailed to regional fair winners)

**What to Submit:**

* **A three (3) minute video of the participant explaining his/her project must be submitted along with all the required forms. BE SURE THAT THE PROJECT BOARD IS VISIBLE IN THE VIDEO. Follow the instructions below for how to create the video:**

<https://youtu.be/D8JV3w4TOVw>

* We will NOT accept or approve anything beyond three minutes or those with school name listed or acknowledgements.
* **Follow the instructions below for how to upload your video to YouTube.**

<https://youtu.be/VtF2AgFSLAw>

* **In your email, please include a copy of your Entry Form (entry form must be mailed separately with fees) and project research paper, as well as the LINK to your YouTube video. Please include the video’s title, the participant’s name and the project title in the email.**
* Special attention should be paid to each student’s category. The category chosen at registration must match the category on your entry form.

#### ****Helpful Hints:****

#### **Include pictures of your project**

#### **Keep video at 3 minutes – do not go over allotted time**

#### **At the State Fair in Lake Charles, LA, only one participant can present for their group**

#### **Be sure to follow the regional fair rules and regulations to ensure that your project does not get disqualified at State level.**

#### ****Awards****

Being the sole entry for a particular classification does not guarantee placing.

**Medals**
A first, second, and third place medal will be awarded in each discipline of each division for both individual and group projects.

**Awards Ceremony**There will be NO Awards Ceremony in 2021. Award winners will be posted on Continuing Education’s website by Wednesday, March 3rd. A school representative will be asked to pick up medals from the Office of Continuing Education in 125 Elkins Hall after awards are announced.

**Certificates**
A certificate will be presented to all participants.

**Regional Fair Regulations**

1. Projects must conform to “division” level and to academic discipline at both the Regional and State competition. Group projects must have “one” person designated as spokesperson for the group. (A group project is one in which at least two students were involved in its development.) The Social Studies Fair Director cannot assume responsibility for incorrectly completed forms. No projects will be changed from one category to another at the Regional or State Fair. \*State Fair Rule
2. The exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes to explain, defend, and answer questions on the project. It is mandatory that student presentations not exceed two (2) minutes in order to give the judges time for questions. Judges will use the remaining two (2) minutes for questions and answers. \*State Fair Rule
3. Projects are limited to a table space of thirty (30) inches deep (front to back) and thirty-six (36) inches wide (side to side). All elements of the project must fit within the space assigned at the Fair and not encroach on adjacent space. No part of the project may be under the display table. No project may exceed 100 pounds in weight and 100 inches in height. Projects must be self-explanatory, stand by themselves, and have side boards.
4. All projects **must** be accompanied by a research paper with the appropriate elements. These elements **must** include properly written/typed:

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| **Division I & II**Title PageTable of ContentsAbstract PageBody of Research PaperConclusion PageBibliography Page (sources generally used to prepare the paper) | **Division III**Title PageTable of ContentsAbstract PageBody of Research PaperConclusion PageFootnotes/Endnotes PageBibliography Page (sources generally used to prepare the paper) |

1. In regional competition, these and other elements **are** required by the Regional Fair director. Winning projects at the State Fair **must** include the aforementioned elements. Footnotes and a typed research paper are required for Division III winners only. Any standard research form (APA, MLA, Chicago Style, Turabian, etc.) for citations (footnoted/endnotes) is acceptable. All information (including oral information) must be properly cited.
The abstract is a brief (250 words or less) summary of the content and purpose of the project.
Project papers in Division I and II **MAY** be handwritten or typed; Division III papers **MUST BE TYPED**.
2. Cassette players, light bulbs, batteries, etc. must be provided by the entrant. All projects requiring electricity must be accompanied by a minimum 100 foot extension cord. All extension cords MUST be secured to the floor with “duct” tape. Also, projects using computers must have electrical surge protection devices. **All equipment must be contained within the space allocated for the project**. \*State Fair Rule
3. The entrant’s name, school, home town, or other identifying information is not to be visible anywhere on the project or research paper.
4. **NO LIVE ANIMALS OR ANY TYPE EMBRYOS OR FETUSES MAY BE EXHIBITED**. Only properly prepared animal skins, hides, or stuffed animals can be used in exhibits.
5. One presenter per project will be allowed to defend the project. \*State Fair Rule
6. No individual will be allowed to defend more than one project. \*State Fair Rule
7. Projects may be modified or improved between fairs; however, the main theme, title, and discipline must be maintained.
8. The Regional Directors and State Fair Director have the authority to make decisions not covered in these regulations on all matters related to their respective fairs.
9. Decisions of judges are final and are not subject to review or appeal.
10. Failure by a student, parent, or teacher to adhere to Fair regulations or requests from the Fair Director will result in disqualification of the respective student project.
11. Judges’ evaluation forms for projects will not be made public following the conclusion of the state fair.
12. No exhibits are to display archaeological artifacts or human remains of any kind. (State law 1991 – Act 704)
13. **State Fair Participation:** All first place and second place project winners in Division I, II, and III at the Regional Fair will be invited to participate in the State Fair. Students will receive the State Fair registration form by email. Special Education projects do not advance to the State competition.

#### ****Helpful Hints:****

1. All entries should be submitted by the school at one time.
2. The designation of a discipline is the student and sponsor’s decision and will not be changed the day of the fair.
3. All entry forms must be reviewed by the sponsoring teacher prior to submission by the school to the regional fair.
4. All rules and regulations must be followed. Please note details, (e.g. exact project size, time limits, presentation, written papers, discipline entered.)

**Please note that due to COVID-19 there may be some schedule changes for this virtual event and State Fair. Everyone will be notified immediately if there are any changes.**