



## Amistad Commission's National History Day Stipend for 2023-2024

Each year, National History Day chooses a historical theme that provides a framework for students' research. The purposefully broad theme encourages investigation into local, national, or world history from any period. Conducting historical research through the focused lens provided by the annual theme allows students to develop perspective, make connections over time, and place their topics into historical context by considering the time and circumstances associated with their topics.

As an affiliate of National History Day, the New Jersey National History Day offers an exciting education program that engages students in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Either individually or in a group, students present their historical research on a topic related to the competition's annual theme in the form of a performance, exhibit, documentary, website, or paper. Historians and educators evaluate projects at local, regional, and state competitions based on how clearly a project relates to the annual theme. Winners of state competitions represent New Jersey in a national contest. The New Jersey History Day program is open to all students in grades 6-12.

In a collaboration with New Jersey National History Day, the Amistad Commission will provide a \$1,000 stipend for one school year to a certified teacher in a middle school and one certified teacher in a high school, who establishes a National History Day group in his or her school. The intent of the funding is to compensate a teacher for dedicating valuable hours outside of contractual hours. To apply for funding:

- Teacher must submit a plan that includes the:
  - Methods of recruiting student participants
  - Monthly meeting schedule with times and location
  - Documentation of all meetings with students
- Teacher must attend the workshop, "How to start your own National History Day Program in your school" hosted by The Amistad Commission.
- Teacher must obtain Board of Education Approval for district students to compete in the New Jersey National History Day Contest.

Each teacher awarded funding must enter the regional competition with a minimum of six projects.

Each project submission must include an African American theme or African-diaspora theme.

If you are interested, please complete the necessary requirements and email to [Trevor.Melton@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Trevor.Melton@doe.nj.gov) before **October 25, 2023**

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