



# OHFA Awards - 2026

Each year, OHFA and their Provincial Partners present several awards at each Regional Fair in Ontario. Students value these awards and proudly accept them at Regional Fair ceremonies.

All students, regardless of their abilities, are encouraged to participate in the Fairs program. Judges are encouraged to apply the award criteria with flexibility, taking into consideration the differentiation among our young learners.

## General Criteria for all Awards:

- **Projects need to be related to the history, heritage or culture of Ontario or Canada, or both; and should:**
  - show evidence of good research and inquiry techniques: i.e. exploring topics, asking questions, accessing multiple primary and secondary sources in a variety of formats such as print, visual, digital, field trips, interviews with experts, collecting data and taking organized notes, synthesizing information, and reporting results
  - adhere to Canadian Copyright Law
  - demonstrate the ethical use of information

 <p>Archives of Ontario   Archives publiques de l'Ontario</p> <p>THE THRILL OF DISCOVERY LE FRISSON DE LA DÉCOUVERTE</p>	<p><b>Archives of Ontario Award</b></p> <p><i>"In recognition of outstanding student achievement for the best use of original records related to Ontario History."</i></p>
 <p>Multicultural History Society of Ontario</p>	<p><b>Multicultural History Society of Ontario Award</b></p> <p><i>"In recognition of extraordinary student achievement in research exploring the diverse cultures in Ontario and Canada"</i></p>
 <p>Ontario Ancestors The Ontario Genealogical Society</p>	<p><b>Ontario Ancestors Award</b></p> <p><i>"In recognition of a project that relates to the student's family history, or the family history of a prominent Ontarian or Canadian citizen."</i></p>



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	<p><b>OHFA First Nations, Métis, Inuit Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of a project that focusses on the history and stories of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in Canada”</i></p>
	<p><b>OHFA Founders Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of exceptional enthusiasm and dedication to history and heritage.”</i></p>
	<p><b>Ontario History Society Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of outstanding student achievement for research of Ontario’s History.”</i></p>
	<p><b>OHS Reading and Remembrance Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of a project with a remembrance-based theme. This might include military, wartime, or peacekeeping elements.”</i></p>
	<p><b>OHFA Historical Thinking Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of student achievement that demonstrates outstanding ability to think critically using historical thinking.”</i></p>
	<p><b>Ontario Human Rights Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of student demonstrating the history, impact and fostering of human rights culture in Ontario.”</i></p>
	<p><b>Ontario Library Association Research Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of a project that demonstrates good inquiry techniques using a range of resources in a variety of formats.”</i></p>
	<p><b>Ontario Women’s History Network Award</b></p> <p><i>“In recognition of a project with a primary focus on women in Canadian History.”</i></p>