



2024 Award & Prize Winners

Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize

The Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize is named in honor of Senator Bob Dole who served Kansas as both a member of the House of Representatives (1960-1969) and Senate (1969-1996). It is awarded to up to three Junior or Senior entries. To qualify, entries must focus on one of the following: the history of Congress as an institution, OR, the history of a piece of legislation, OR individual members or committees of the US House of Representatives or the US Senate, OR other branches/processes of the U.S. government, OR any topic that uses materials from the Dole Archives, which documents a diverse array of cultural, social, and political issues of the latter half of the 20th century, as well as the career of Senator Bob Dole.

Rank	Category	Title
1	Junior Group Exhibit	The Battle of Hue: A Turning Point in the Minds of Americans
2	Junior Individual Exhibit	The Demise of Dreams: The Massacre of Black Wall Street
3	Junior Group Website	Hartford Circus Fire: Flames of Change

Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Prize

This prize is sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City and is open to all entries. It is awarded to the best entry dealing with Kansas City-area history.

No One Qualified.

Tacha Freedom Award

The Tacha Freedom Award, formerly the Freedom's Frontier Award, is sponsored by the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

No One Applied

Kansas Council for History Education Award

This prize is sponsored by the Kansas Council for History Education and is open to all entries. It is awarded to the best Junior and Senior entry that embodies the Kansas Council for History Education’s mission of high quality, educationally rigorous historical work. Nominations must relate to local or state history and/or utilize local or state archival resources, not national, in the course of their research.

Rank	Category	Title	Students	School	Teacher
1	Junior Historical Paper	Trial and Aerial: The Development of In-Flight Refueling			

2024 Kansas History Day State Contest Results

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

1. Title: A Country Reunited: The Turning Point of the Cold War
2. Title: The Battle of Hue: A Turning Point in the Minds of Americans
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Operation Mincemeat: The Unknown Operation that Changed the Course of WWII

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

1. Title: Eli Lilly: Revolutionizing Insulin Accessibility
2. Title: Infinite Cells Without Consent: A Turning Point in Biomedical Research
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Demise of Dreams: The Massacre of Black Wall Street

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

1. Title: The Discovery and Application of Penicillin
2. Title: World War II: Women on the Homefront
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Too Good to Be True

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

1. Title: Transforming the Workforce: How World War II Allowed New Opportunities for Women in America
2. Title: Marching Forward: The Legacy of Executive Order 8802
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Silence: Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" as a Turning Point for Women in STEM

JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE

1. Title: 160 Days: Turning the Tide of WWI
2. Title: Hartford Circus Fire; Flames of Courage
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Man Who Broke Purple

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

1. Title: Creating Insulin: The Transformation of Diabetic Treatment
2. Title: Toxicity: The Dangers of Leaded Gasoline
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Overcoming U-Boats in World War II

SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE

1. Title: Laughing Away the Pain: How Nitrous Oxide Was a Turning Point in Medicine
2. Title: Brown v. Board of Education: A Turning Point in Racial Segregation
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Battle of Chosin Reservoir: The Turning Point of the Chinese Military Strength

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

1. Title: United We Stand, Divided We Fall: Reagan and the Rise of Hyper-Individualism in the United States
2. Title: Turning the Tides in History: The Fall of Saigon
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Bretton Woods Agreement: Connecting Currencies

SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: Bela Hazan: The Courier who Redefined Resistance and Changed History
2. Title: George Carlin's Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television: The Watershed Moment Before Cursing Broke into the Mainstream
3. ALTERNATE
Title: In Your Hands: How the Smartphone Changed the World

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: The Miracle Baby: How Louise Brown's Birth Changed Families Globally
2. Title: Painting the Screen: The Evolution of Color Film
3. ALTERNATE
Title: From Eradication to Education: How the Wounded Knee Occupation Improved Native Education

JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: The Spark That Change America Forever: The Story of the Triangle Fire
2. Title: No Mexicans Allowed: Separate is Never Equal
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Etching Voices: A Turning Point in the Recording and Music Industry

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

1. Title: March 19, 1966: A Turning Point that Changed Basketball
2. Title: Titanic: The Fall of the Unsinkable
3. ALTERNATE
Title: How an Accidental Bombing Ended 2000 Years of Chinese Imperial Rule

SENIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

1. Title: Brown v. Board of Education: The Court Case that Changed Education and the Civil Rights Movement Forever
2. Title: “Life for Me Ain’t Been No Crystal Stair.” How a Kansas Poet Became a Turning Point for Modern Literature
3. ALTERNATE
Title: “The American Girl Will No Longer Be Misunderstood”
Nellie Bly’s Journalism Career Inspires a Turning Point in Women’s Role in Society

JUNIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

1. Title: Orbiting Metal: A Turning Point in the Space Race
2. Title: Let Me Be Brave: A Turning Point in Inclusion
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Trial and Aerial: The Development of In-Flight Refueling

SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

1. Title: September Eleventh: The Act of Terror that Became a Turning Point for Security Nationwide

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

1. Title: A “Gift from God”? How Lead Usage in Gasoline Poisoned the World
2. Title: Turning the Double Play: Jackie Robinson’s Influence on Baseball and Racial Equality
3. ALTERNATE
Title: Island Exodus: How the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act Forever Altered Cuban Lives and Transformed America

JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCES

1. Title: Tillie Anderson and Her Bicycle: The Picture of Free Untrammled Womanhood
2. Title: One Small Step
3. ALTERNATE
Title: The Creation of the Tank

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

1. Title: Sew Easy with Singer: Women's Lives Changed by the Sewing Machine Revolution
2. Title: Dr. Theodore Reed: The Man Who Changed the American Zoo