2026 Kansas History Day State Contest Results

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 in total. 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	Senior Individual Exhibit	On The Road to Motor Vehicle Safety: How the 1984 Amendment of FMVSS 208 Served as Federal Reform and Sparked State Reactions
2	Junior Individual Exhibit	All the Way to the Top the Americans with Disabilities Act
3	Junior Individual Website	Title IX Revolutionized Fairness in Women's Sports

Kansas Council for History Education Award recipients

This $150 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.

Division	Category	Title
Junior	Individual Documentary	Before Brown: How the Webb Case Challenged Segregated Schooling

NO SENIOR ENTRY ELIGIBILE

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 the best entry dealing with Kansas City-area history.

NO ENTRY ELIGIBLE

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

First Place: Fatal Flaws: From Ruin to Revolution

Second Place: The Road to Reform: How Interstate Highways Revolutionized America

Alternate: Lines of Destiny: How Radcliffe's Pen Revolutionized South Asia

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

First Place: Miranda VS Arizona

Second Place: The Revolution of Radioactivity

Alternate: All the Way to the Top the Americans with Disabilities Act

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

First Place: "We Knew the World Would Not Be the Same": The Revolutionary Implementation of Fission

Second Place: The Golden Age of Hip Hop

Alternate: Counterfeit Cuisine: History of Food Adulteration

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

First Place: On The Road to Motor Vehicle Safety: How the 1984 Amendment of FMVSS 208 Served As Federal Reform And Sparked State Reactions

Second Place: The Ones Who Smuggle Power: Knygnešystė and Lithuania's Resistance Under Russification

Alternate: Federalist Paper NO. 78 - the Birth of the Independent Federal Judiciary

JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE

First Place: From "Skirted Soldiers" to Permanent Soldiers: Revolutionizing Women's Roles, Reacting to Resistance, and Reforming the Armed Services

Second Place: The Monongah Spark: Igniting Fire for Mine Safety

Alternate: Satchel Paige: A Curveball to Segregation

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

First Place: The Battle of Blair Mountain: When Revolution Sparked Reform in the Coalfields

Second Place: Breaking the Soil: How the Tractor Revolution Transformed American Farming

Alternate: The Reign of Terror: France's Fall into Extremism

SENIOR GROUP WEBSITE

First Place: Echoes of Injustice: The Comparative Study for the Deaths of Emmett Till

Second Place: Squanto: The Man Who Helped History Happen

NO Alternate

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

First Place: The Comix Revolution

Second Place: Han Pyo-Wook and Korea's U.S. Diplomacy: American Reactions to the Chinese Communist Revolution and the Korean Conflict

Alternate: Divided by a Valley: The Hetch-Hetchy Controversy

SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

First Place: The 24 Second Revolution

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY
First Place: Empire to Republic: How the Algerian War Transformed France

Second Place: Proof of Poison: How the Marsh Test Revolutionized Forensic Toxicology

Alternate: A Country, not a War: How Trần Anh Hùng's Trilogy Revolutionized Cinematic Vietnam

JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY
First Place: A Camera as a Weapon: The Revolutionary Work of Lewis Hine

Second Place: Beyond the Arc: How the Three-Point Line Revolutionized Basketball

Alternate: Revolution 9: How the Beatles Revolutionized the Music Industry

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

First Place: How Southeast Asian Refugees Changed Wichita.

Second Place: “Democracy Dies in Darkness”: The Revolution of Investigative Journalism

Alternate: Before Brown: How the Webb Case Challenged Segregated Schooling

SENIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

First Place: Seretse Khama: How His Educational, Interracial, and Economic Reforms Molded Botswana’s Society

Second Place: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform: Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein and the Feminist Reimagining of Creation

Alternate: Reform, Reaction, and Revolution in America’s War on Cancer: The 1971 Turning Point

JUNIOR HISTORICAL PAPER

First Place: The Butterfly Effect: How the Mirabal Sisters Transformed Resistance into Revolution

Second Place: More Than Brick Stone: A Revolution of Expansion

Alternate: The Launch of Sputnik and How it Reformed the United States' System of Education

SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

First Place: Down with Child Slavery: Revolutionizing Child Labor Standards

Second Place: Crack[er]ing Down on Consumption: Sylvester Graham and the Revolution Behind a Campfire Favorite

Alternate: The Strike that Stopped the World...and the Journal too.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

First Place: Oscar Wilde’s Infamy: How Haunting Effects Can Shape New Movements

JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

First Place: Bridging Two Cultures: A Crusader that Revolutionized Navajo Health Care with Lasting Reform

Second Place: All the World Loves a Baby

Alternate: Bringing Volume to Voices: A Revolution in Sound

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

First Place: Breaking Ground: Womontown

Second Place: Lighting the Path of Reform: The Matchgirls' Strike of 1888

Alternate: "Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?": A Revolution in Women's Suffrage

Kansas Teacher of the Year: Jasmine Puderbaugh, Topeka Robinson Middle School