

SCHOLARSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AND

HOPE

GCSS STATE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR 2020

Directions for Submitting Projects to the Online State Social Studies Fair

To regional fair winners selected to participate in the state fair: These are the steps for submitting your project for online judging.

_____ Step 1: Using your own email account (or your parent's email account if you do not have one of your own), open a blank email and **address it to your directing teacher**. For 2-3 person projects, you may decide which person will be responsible for each of steps 2-6. Each person could email his/her part to the teacher to compile into one email, or one of the students may serve as chair-person and coordinate the effort; all student contributors should be given the opportunity to approve the final submission before it is submitted by the directing teacher.

_____ Step 2: Your message to the judges--In the body of the email you addressed to your directing teacher, write a message to the judges introducing your project. This message will be used for scoring the interview portion of the scoring sheet.

This message should include information you would give in an in-person presentation at a traditional social studies fair. It should contain no more than 250 words, but does not have to be that long. (It should not be a duplication of the abstract.) After giving your project name and/or research question first in the message, you might answer some of the following questions:

How/why did you choose this topic?

Why is this a significant topic (to you, your community, state, world, society)?

What primary and secondary sources did you find most helpful? Interesting?

What formats did you use to display and/or show analysis of your data (charts, graphs, timelines, photos, etc,)?

What was your conclusion and what led you to the conclusion?

Having reached your conclusion, what ideas do you have for further exploration of or involvement with the topic?

Is there anything in particular you would like for the judges to notice about your project?

(You could also thank the judges for volunteering their time and expertise.)

_____ Step 3: Power point of visual/ display--Create and *attach* a power point (6-12 slides) of photos of your project. Include one photo of the full visual display and other photos that show each panel or close-ups of parts of the visual display, including objects on the table in front of the backboard. Judges must be able to read everything you would like to be considered.

_____ Step 4: Research summary paper--*Attach* a copy of your research summary and bibliography in MS Word or PDF format. This should be a separate attachment and not embedded in the power point slide show.

_____ Step 5: Abstract--*Attach* a copy of your abstract in Word or pdf format. This should be a separate attachment and not embedded in the power point slide show.

_____ Step 6: Video (not required): If you have a video containing information found in your research that you included on a computer in the visual/ display at your local or regional fair, you may include a *YouTube* or other link to it in the body of the email. (Do not include a video of the message/presentation discussed in Step 2.)

_____ Step 7: Email the message with attachments (power point, research summary paper, abstract) and optional video link (if applicable) to your directing teacher, who will review and make sure all parts are included before labeling and forwarding to the submission email address.

For Directing Teachers Only: You will receive a list of project numbers from the fair director. In the subject line of the project's email, include the project number and title, *e.g.*, Project 3-A *Should the Electoral College be Abolished?* Once you have reviewed the email and labeled it with project number and title, forward it to georgia.ssf.2020@gmail.com. The associate fair director will check each component and return to you for adjustment if something does not work or is missing. To avoid confusion, **the submission from the directing teacher is the submission that will be judged. No direct submissions from parents or students will be reviewed or forwarded to the judges.**