

# Chicago Metro History Fair Exhibit Rules

**A History Fair exhibit is like a room in a museum—not a report on a display board with pictures. It relies on clear, succinct text (labels) and a substantial amount of visual evidence to communicate the student’s research and analysis.**

RULE 1: Individuals or groups of no more than five students may do an exhibit.

RULE 2: Size limitations: 6 feet high X 40 inches wide X 30 inches deep from the front of the table to the back of the exhibit. (*See diagram below.*) So long as the exhibit fits within the required dimensions, it may be constructed in any shape.

RULE 3: Exhibits must be free standing.

RULE 4: Two copies of the Summary Statement Form with an attached annotated bibliography must accompany exhibit. The annotated bibliography should be divided between primary and second sources.

RULE 5: Project topics must be connected to Chicago—even if the national theme is being used. Non-Chicago topics will be evaluated but will not be eligible to advance. *Junior HF allows topics in Illinois history.*

RULE 7: Plagiarism is not accepted, and constitutes grounds for disqualification.

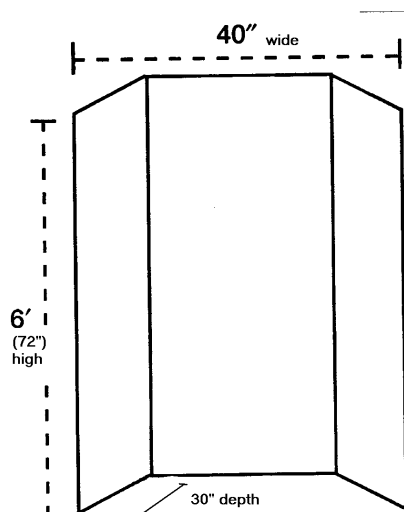
**PENALTY POINTS (*High School only*)**

Exceeds size limits: Minus 3 points

No Summary Statement Form: Minus 10 points

Bibliography not annotated: Minus 5 points

No bibliography: 0 points in source category



## MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR HISTORY FAIR EXHIBITS

72 INCHES TALL

40 INCHES WIDE

30 INCHES DEPTH

