

NEW JERSEY
HISTORY DAY

Judges' Registration Guide



Introduction

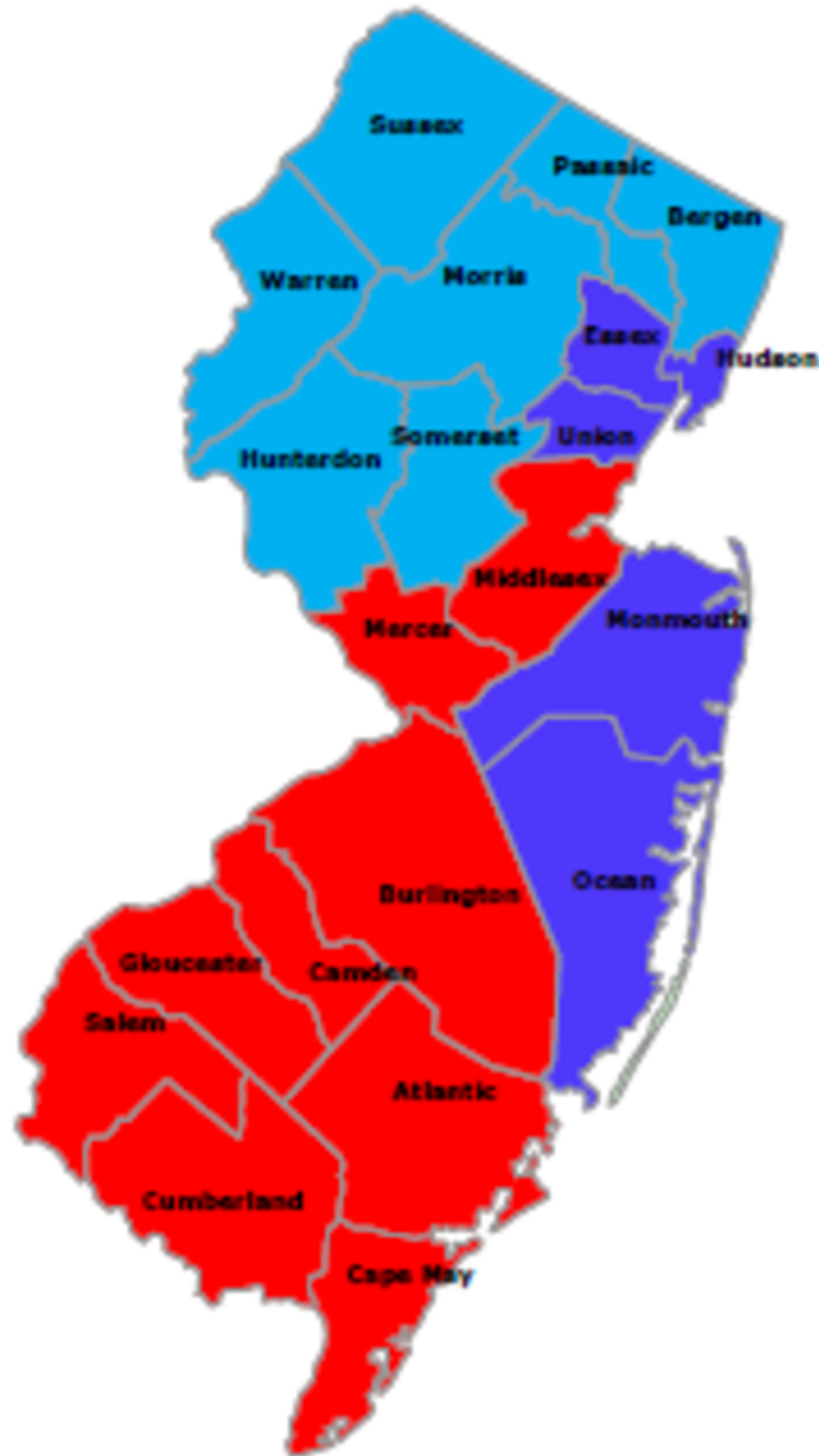
Volunteer judges like you are the **heart** of History Day. Judges validate students' hard work and give them personal encouragement as scholars and researchers. Most students remember their interactions with judges as the **highlight** of their History Day experience. We're grateful that you are willing to be one of those memorable people.

We use National History Day's website **zFairs** for all contest information and judging assignments. This document gives step-by-step instructions. **If you have trouble at any point, please reach out to njhistoryday@wpunj.edu.**

Thank you for registering!

Step 1: Find a Contest

This year, there are **three** regional contests leading up **one** state contest. You can sign up for one contest, or as many as you wish .



- Saturday, February 28, 2026: Regional Contest at Monmouth University (Metro Region)
- Saturday, March 7, 2026: Regional Contest at Rutgers–Camden University (Southern/Central Region)
- Saturday, March 21, 2026: Regional Contest at St. Elizabeth’s University (Northern Region)
- ★ Saturday, May 2, 2026 : State Contest at William Paterson University

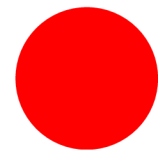
Step 2: Go to your contest website



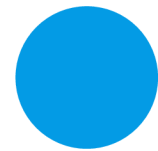
Each contest has its own **zFairs** website. Copy or click on the links to go directly to the site for that contest.



February 28 – Monmouth University



March 7 – Rutgers–Camden University



March 21 – St. Elizabeth University



May 2 – William Paterson University

Step 3: Create an account

Enter your name and email in the “Sign-Up Now” box.



If you are an NJHD teacher who will also judge, use a different email address than the one you registered with as a teacher.

Home Create Account Contest Login

Login

Username

Password

Login

Sign-Up Now

First Name

Last Name

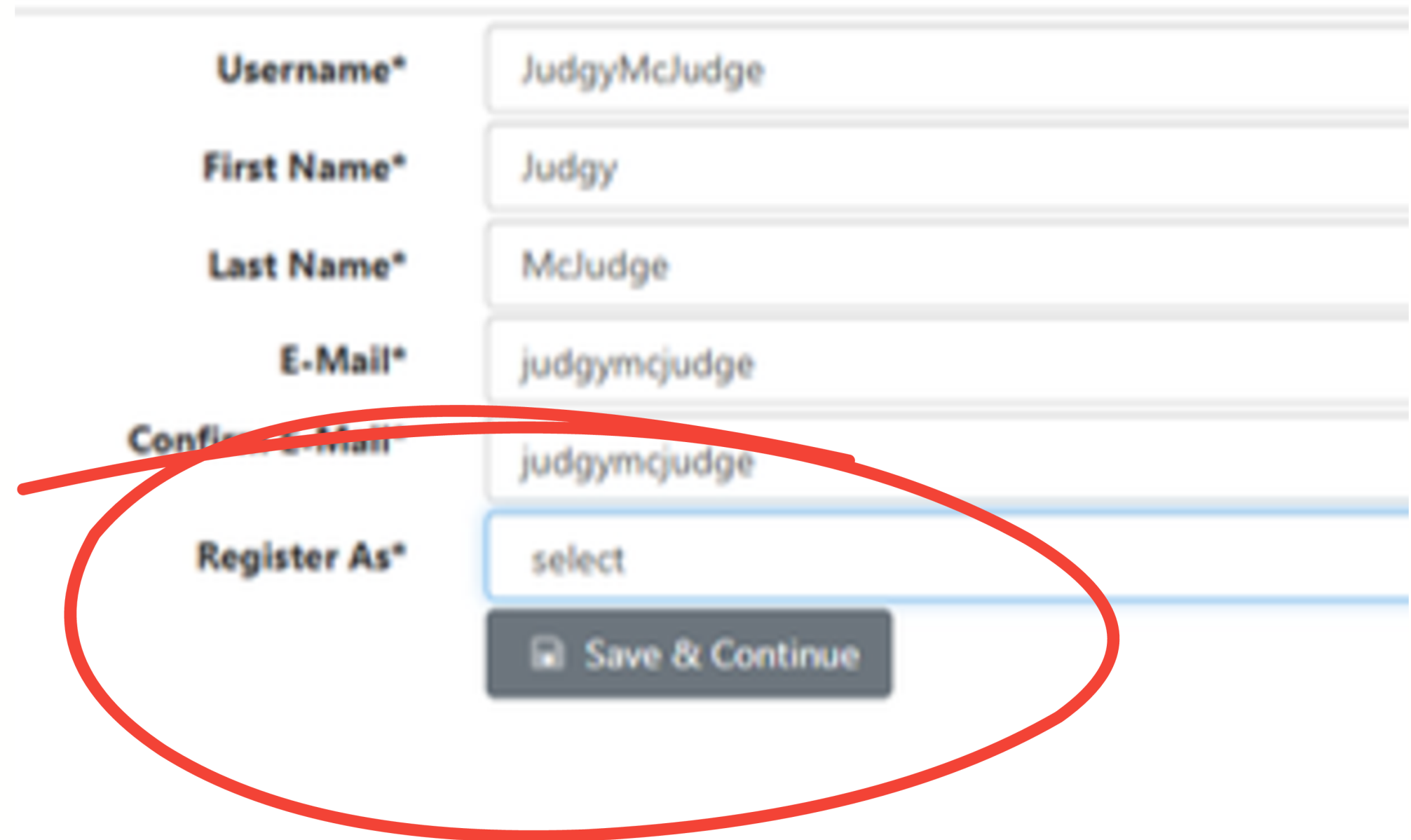
Email

Create Account

Welcome to Rutgers University-Camden! We are proud to be one of the host institutions for this year's History Day competition. We have a lot of history ourselves: Rutgers University is the 8th oldest university in the US. In fact, we're so old that we were around before the American Revolution! Our Camden campus, with its compact size and traditional college lawn, offers the feel of a small liberal arts college with all the resources of a major research university. Our home in Camden is also full of history: Walt Whitman lived here, the mighty battleship *New Jersey* is anchored along our waterfront, and Campbell's Soup has its world headquarters here. We're excited to have you see how Rutgers-Camden, with its rich

Step 4: Select your “Register As” role

Where you see
“Register As,” use
the drop-down
menu to select the
role “Judge.”



A registration form with the following fields and values:

Field	Value
Username*	JudgyMcJudge
First Name*	Judgy
Last Name*	McJudge
E-Mail*	judgymcjudge
Confirm E-Mail*	judgymcjudge
Register As*	select

Below the 'Register As' field is a button labeled 'Save & Continue'.

A red circle highlights the 'Register As' dropdown menu and the 'Save & Continue' button.

Step 5: Verify your email

The next screen will ask you to return to your email inbox and click a link to verify your email address.



If you don't see the email, check your SPAM filter, trash, and other folders.

Step 6: Complete your profile

1

Choose an easy-to-remember password. If you ever forget it, click the blue word “Help” on the login page to reset.

2

Fill out the form with your contact information.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for completing a profile. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Create Account, and Contest. Below these are two tabs: Profile (selected) and Judge. The main content area is titled 'Profile' and contains several sections:

- Profile Information:** Fields for Username* (BruceSpringsteen), First Name* (Bruce), Last Name* (Springsteen), E-Mail* (moonm4@wpunj.edu), Confirm E-Mail* (moonm4@wpunj.edu), and Phone* (9737204121).
- Accessibility Statement:** A text area with the prompt: "We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all participants. Do you have any specific needs or requirements that we should be aware of?"
- Sign-in:** Fields for Username* (BruceSpringsteen), Password* (masked with dots), and Confirm Password* (masked with dots).
- Address:** Fields for Address* (William Paterson University), Address 2 (Office of Field Experiences and Par), and City State, Zip* (Wayne, New Jersey, 07040).

A 'Save & Continue' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Step 7: Select your judging preferences

Profile

Judge

Profile Questions

Select Your Judging Preferences

There are five contest categories, and each category has a senior and junior division. Please let us know which category you would most like to judge. While we do our best to honor your preferences, to provide each student with a full judging team, we may need to assign you to another category.

Do you prefer to judge virtually? Please choose **Paper** or **Website** as your category preference. These two categories are judged entirely online. You do not need to attend the contest to serve as a judge in these categories. Papers and websites will be available for viewing two weeks before the contest, and the deadline for ranking will be Thursday before the contest.

Prefer to join us in person? Please select **Documentary**, **Exhibit**, and **Performance** categories, which are judged in person. If selecting these, you must be available to attend on the day of the contest; 8:00 AM - roughly 3:00 PM. The contest will provide breakfast and lunch.

Judge

Select Which Categories You Would Prefer To Judge

First Choice*	select
Second Choice*	select
Third Choice*	select

Conflict of Interest

☐ I agree to the below statement:
I agree to let New Jersey History Day know if I have a conflict of interest in judging a student whom I have mentored a participant, personally know, or have previously judged this year.

Save & Continue

The next page asks about which entry categories you would like to judge.

Virtual Judging: **Papers** and **Websites** are judged virtually starting two weeks before the contest. Select this category if you want to judge entirely online from home.

In-Person Judging: **Documentaries**, **Exhibits**, and **Performances** are only judged in person on the day of the contest. Select these categories if you plan to join us in person on contest day, from 8 AM to 3 PM.

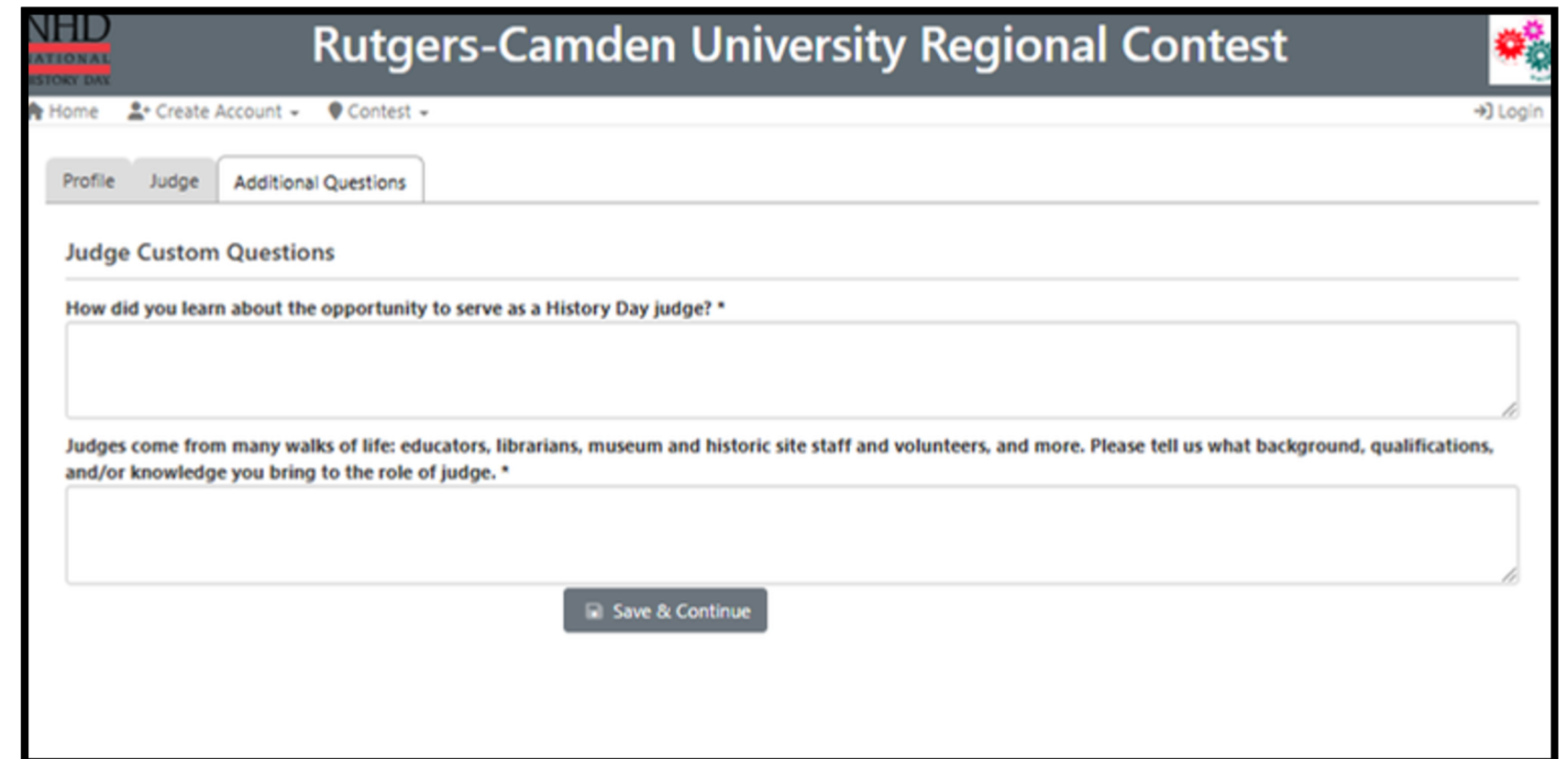
Most categories have both **Individual** and **Group** divisions. You can select your preference. The Paper category has only individual entries.

Finally, agree to the Conflict of Interest statement.

Step 8: Answer a few additional questions

The next page asks about your background and how you heard about the contest. Please enter a short response that will help us match you with a judge team and category.

If there is anything else you would like us to know, such as a potential conflict of interest, you can enter that info here.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Rutgers-Camden University Regional Contest" with the "NHD NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" logo in the top left. The navigation bar includes "Home", "Create Account", "Contest", and "Login". Below the navigation bar are tabs for "Profile", "Judge", and "Additional Questions", with "Additional Questions" being the active tab. The form section is titled "Judge Custom Questions" and contains two text input fields. The first field is labeled "How did you learn about the opportunity to serve as a History Day judge? *". The second field is labeled "Judges come from many walks of life: educators, librarians, museum and historic site staff and volunteers, and more. Please tell us what background, qualifications, and/or knowledge you bring to the role of judge. *". A "Save & Continue" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Step 9: Read the fine print

On the final page, read and agree to the guidelines. There are two sections.
Respond to each one.

1 “Hold harmless” waiver

2 Image Permissions

Permissions and Waivers

Please note that you must submit the following authorizations in order to complete online registration and compete at National History Day contests at all levels. If you have further questions, please contact your contest coordinator.

Yes, I agree

By indicating yes below, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Maryland, University of Maryland, College Park, its employees, agents and volunteers, in addition to National History Day, Inc., its affiliate programs, and its staff, trustees and sponsors, for any personal injuries or property damages arising out of my participation in the National History Day Contest.

☐ Yes, I agree

I give National History Day, Inc., its affiliate programs, and its partners the unlimited right to use the voice, image, and/or name of me and/or my child for publicity, and/or in documentaries, or other education materials and media, including online. I also give National History Day, Inc., and its affiliate programs the right to use images of my/my child's project for teaching and example purposes, including online. If I choose "No," I acknowledge that NHD contest coordinators will do their best to ensure that I and/or my child is not photographed. However, due to the number of participants at the contest, this cannot be guaranteed. I am aware that I must remove myself and/or my child from group photography situations, and if necessary, speak to the photographer/media to request that I and/or my child not be photographed.

If no, why?

☐ I have read the above statement and agree; I meet the requirements to be a Judge.

Step 10: You're Done!



The final screen will show your full name, username, and password. Take a screenshot so you'll have it handy if you need it again.

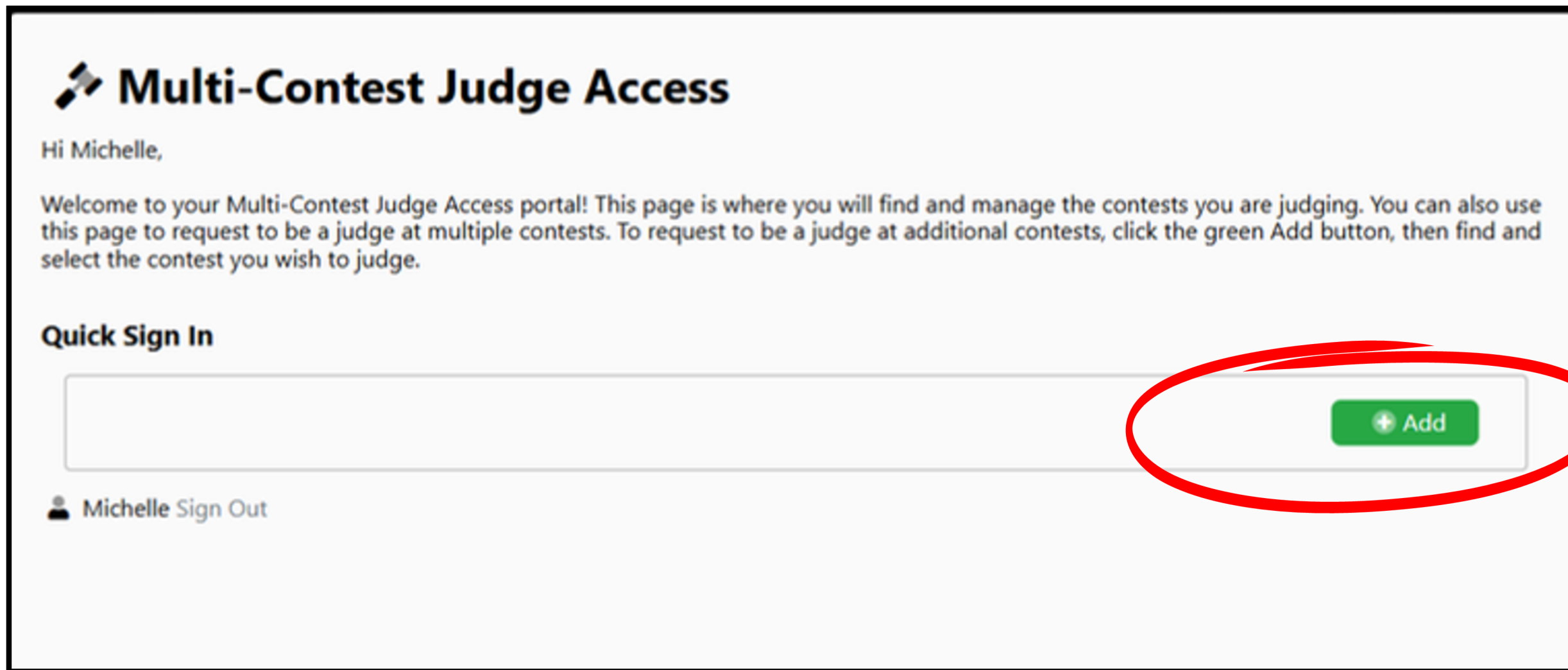
You should also receive a confirmation email in your inbox.

Want to judge more than one contest? See the next page for instructions.

Registering for Multiple Contests

After you have completed registration, go to the Multi-Contest Registration Portal at this link:

<https://register.nhd.org/app/judge-portal>



The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Contest Judge Access' portal. At the top left is a wrench icon and the title 'Multi-Contest Judge Access'. Below this, it says 'Hi Michelle,' followed by a welcome message: 'Welcome to your Multi-Contest Judge Access portal! This page is where you will find and manage the contests you are judging. You can also use this page to request to be a judge at multiple contests. To request to be a judge at additional contests, click the green Add button, then find and select the contest you wish to judge.' Below the message is a 'Quick Sign In' section with a large empty text input field. To the right of the input field is a green button with a white plus sign and the text '+ Add'. This button is circled in red. In the bottom left corner, there is a user profile icon and the text 'Michelle Sign Out'.

Click the green button.

Registering for Multiple Contests

New Hampshire	New Hampshire States	request access to judge
New Jersey	Kean University	request access to judge
New Jersey	Monmouth University Regional Contest	pending
New Jersey	New Jersey State Contest	request access to judge
New Jersey	Princeton Regional Contest	request access to judge
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NOTE: Once your request is approved, you will need to answer the same registration questions as the first time you registered. We are sorry for the duplication; since each contest lives on a different server, the answers do not transfer automatically.

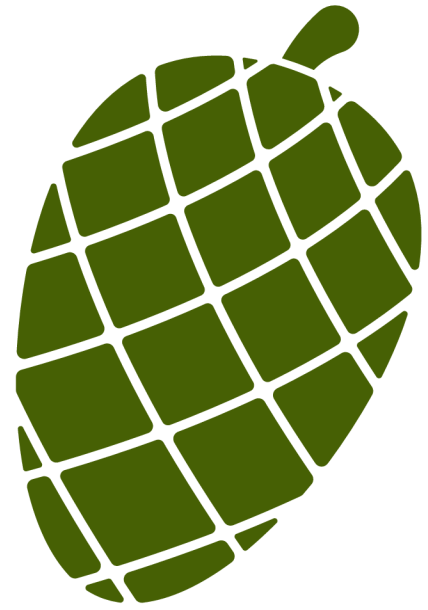
On the next page, select the other contest(s) you want to judge. Click “request access to judge.” Your request will show as yellow (pending). Once accepted, the link will turn gray, and you will be able to log into that contest website.

You can also see your other contests by going to the tabs across the top of your contest website: click “Judging” and select “External portal.”

One final step...

Can you help us find more wonderful people like you?

Judges are the greatest ambassadors for History Day. Please recommend judging to friends and colleagues, and share the invitation to judge with them. Judging is inspiring, rewarding, and a great networking opportunity!



Thank you!

We can't wait to
share amazing
student research
with you!

