

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc

IRISH HISTORY CONTEST RULES for LAOH Historians

- The **LAOH National Irish Historian** will submit the Irish History Topics, Rules and Judging Criteria to the State Irish Historians **before September 1st of each year**. Information will be sent electronically and will also be posted on our National website www.LadiesAOH.com.

- The **State Irish Historians** are to forward the information to **County** Boards and **Division** Historians and Presidents before September 15th of each year. Information will be sent electronically and may be posted on your State website and social media sites.

-The **Division Irish Historian** shall send the LAOH Irish History Contest Information to local division members, schools, home schooled students, Parishes and any other interested parties or organizations before October 1st of each year.

-**All students** entering the **2021-2022** National LAOH Irish History Contest should be given a copy of the topic for their grade Level, Student Contest Rules, and a copy of the 2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History Contest Judging Criteria, **and the name and email address of the local LAOH Irish Historian to submit their electronic entry.**

- All Students participating should submit their entries to the local LAOH Irish Historian electronically. **The FINAL DEADLINE for student submissions is November 15th of each year. All submissions must be submitted to the local LAOH Division.**

JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS for LAOH Irish Historians

All LAOH Irish Historians especially on the division level should review all entries for proper format before submitting them to the judges.

- A **minimum of 3 Judges** is required for all Divisions, County Boards, State Boards and National Board levels. The LAOH Irish Historian, at each Organizational level, will utilize a committee of qualified judges with **History knowledge backgrounds** and a general knowledge of English and grammar to evaluate all Level 1 and Level 2 submitted student entries. The judges shall determine the winners at each level using the LAOH National Irish History Contest Rules and Judging Criteria.

- **Each entry will be evaluated**, for up to a total of 100 points, using the following categories:
Comprehension (1-35 points) – Knowledge of topic with evidence of support from chosen references. The project demonstrates ability to grasp wider implications of topic.

Writing (1-20 points) - Presentation is free of distracting spelling and punctuation errors. Effective sentence structure and transitions are present.

Organization (1-15 points) – Piece has obvious beginning, middle and cumulative ending. All expressions are clear and effective.

Conclusion (1-15 points) – All material presented is chronological and clear. The material leads to a sound ending and answers the topic question.

Creativity (1-15 points) – The approach to the project shows original thought and presentation.

- **Judging on the Division level will begin on November 16, 2021.**

- **Blind Judging:** The student's title page is to be removed and a number is to be assigned to each entry prior to the entries being given to the Judges. Each Judge needs to evaluate each entry without prejudice or knowledge of who submitted the entry.

- **Please do not submit entries that do not meet our criteria.** No entry should be submitted that does not meet the criteria, does not speak on the correct topic, and is not in the correct format. No markings

should appear on the student entry as it is being judged blindly at each level. If a student entry is advanced to the next level with any markings, edits, scores, etc., (other than the Title Page) it will be disqualified at the next level.

- At each level, the Irish Historian shall determine the recommended score to be achieved to move the student paper to the next level.

- The Irish Historian shall provide to the Judges the 2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History.

- The Irish Historian shall provide to the Judges Contest Judging Criteria to assist each Judge in recording student scores.

- Each entry is to be evaluated using the Judging criteria. The questions in each category on the Judging criteria sheet are suggested questions and are not limiting criteria for the Judges, but rather they are provided to assist the Judges with minimum criteria to use when evaluating each student paper.

Scoring: All entries will be judged in the following categories - Each entry will be evaluated, for up to a total of 100 points, using the following categories: **Comprehension – 1-35 points; Writing – 1-20 points; Organization – 1-15 points; Conclusion – 1-15 points; Creativity -1-15 points.** A detailed explanation of each category and a judging score sheet is available on our website [www,LadiesAoh.com](http://www.LadiesAoh.com).

- The Judges should also review the 2021-2022 National LAOH **Irish History Contest - Student Entry Rules prior** to evaluating each student paper.

- **Division Deadline:** A total of 7 entries per Level may be submitted from the Division to the County by December 15, 2020. **Remember to send the entire entry in an electronic format.**

- **County Deadline:** A total of 7 entries per Level can be submitted from the County Board to the State Board by January 15, 2021. **Remember to send the entire entry in an electronic format.** If there is no County structure in your State, the winning entries will be submitted to the State by January 15, 2021. **Remember to send the entire entry in an electronic format.**

- **State Deadline:** A total of 7 essays per Student Level for each State can be submitted to the National Irish Historian by February 15, 2021. **Remember to send the entire entry in an electronic format.**

- **National Judging:** Judging on the National Level will start on February 16, 2021. Awards for both Levels will be First and Second. **Any entries received after February 15, 2021, will be disqualified.**

- **WINNERS:** Winners will be announced by the LAOH National Historian by March 30th of each year.

- **AWARDS- LAOH National Monetary Awards :**

LEVEL 1: Grades 6-8 --- 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$250
LEVEL 2: Grades 9-12 ---- 1st Place \$1000, 2nd Place \$500

-**AWARDS- LOCAL:**

- It is suggested that LAOH Division, County, and State Boards have some sort of acknowledgement for **each entry**, ex. a certificate from the LAOH thanking them for entering our contest.

- It is also suggested that LAOH Division, County, and State Boards have some type of monetary award and certificate for their entries that were chosen to go to the next level of the LAOH, ex. \$25.00, \$50.00, or \$100.00 etc.