

October 30, 2018

Dear Teacher,

I would like to invite your school to participate in the Fifty-sixth Annual Northern Illinois Regional History Fair at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on **Saturday, February 23, 2019**.

History Fair plays a crucial role that encourages the study of history among our youth and is one of this state's truly unique educational events. The History Fair is an educational opportunity for students to share their research with each other and the community. It is also an excellent teaching tool to meet Common Core State Standards.

Each year students in grades 6-12 from the northern region participate in the Fair by writing research papers, designing websites, creating projects, and performing original skits that deal with topics of Illinois history. We invite your school to submit research papers, websites, exhibit boards, documentaries, and/or student performances. Research papers and website entries are due Friday, January 4, 2019, and projects will be evaluated on the morning of the fair, Saturday, February 23, 2019. Last year we had over 300 project submissions from more than 30 schools participate in the Northern Illinois Regional History Fair.

We would be pleased if you would honor the Fair with your school's participation. Each school will be recognized in an announcement that will be made available to hundreds of students, parents, teachers, and visitors. Unfortunately, no professional development hours are available to teachers this year.

If you would like to learn more about the Northern Illinois Regional History Fair, please call (815) 753-5200 or e-mail HistoryFair@niu.edu.

If you are interested in having your school participate, please complete the registration card at: <http://go.niu.edu/HF2019SchoolRegistration>.

I hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Lise Schlosser
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