## 2018-19 GCSS SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR ENTRY FORM DIRECTIONS

Website Documents related to this section:

Social Studies Fair Entry Form

Regional Social Studies Fair Map

List of Systems in each Social Studies Fair Region

Official entry forms (fillable form posted at <a href="www.gcss.net">www.gcss.net</a>) should be submitted by the directing teacher and student to the school level social studies coordinator for all projects.

<u>PAGE 1 of the Entry Form</u>: Student names and requested information should be completed **using a computer**, printed, and submitted to your local school social studies fair coordinator, who will forward entry forms of school winners to the school system fair coordinator.

(Do not submit handwritten information on this page. Use this opportunity to teach students how to fully complete a form using the computer, a STEM skill that will benefit them in other facets of life. Teachers should review forms for complete and correct information before they leave the school.)

Be sure to mark the correct DISCIPLINE for your project on Page 1. At the state competition, the projects are first scored individually and then compared to other projects in the same discipline within each class to determine which projects will be considered for Best in Class.

Placing a project in a discipline that does not correspond to the project question puts a project at a disadvantage when compared to projects that are categorized correctly, so teachers and students should be sure the discipline marked on the entry form is correct before the form is forwarded.

At the state level competition, the discipline will not be changed once the judging documents are prepared.

<u>PAGE 2</u> of the Entry Form: Information requested on Page 2 should be handwritten **by a custodial parent/guardian** of each student named on Page 1 of the entry form, even if a student does not plan to accompany the project on fair day. (Omitted information, illegible

handwriting or copies, forms signed by someone other than the parent/guardian of the student, and missing signatures delay several fair processes year after year.)

All information requested on the entry form is used for contacting directing teachers for additional information, organizing judging, ordering t-shirts, and advertising winners.

SYSTEM LEVEL COORDINATOR SIGNATURES: Entry forms of local system winners should be reviewed and signed by the curriculum director, social studies coordinator or his/her designee for the school system or other approved local educational entity and forwarded to the regional director serving that area.

The number of entries for each system is determined by the student population of the system using a scheme developed by fair organizers.

1 – 4,999 students 4 projects 5,000 – 9,999 students 8 projects 10,000-20,000 students Over 20,000 pretients 32 projects