

CONTRACT FOR HISTORY

HMGS SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL PRIZE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Historical Miniature Gaming Society (HMGS) was incorporated as a federal non-profit educational corporation for the purpose, “To promote, aid and assist in the fostering of the education of historical gaming and military history”.

WHEREAS, HMGS’s charitable status provides it the ability to accept tax deductible donations for activities that further it’s purpose.

WHEREAS, the HMGS-East strategic plan calls upon the Society to promote the study of military history by reviewing the current scholarship program, working more closely with local schools, colleges, universities and institutions, and to strengthen educational opportunities for HMGS members to study military history.

WHEREAS, the current HMGS-East scholarship program does not directly support the Society’s incorporated purposes (e.g. no connection to military gaming or history) and it has recently experienced a sharp decrease in the number of applicants.

WHEREAS, the nationwide, National History Day (NHD) program provides a unique opportunity for organizations to support and encourage the academic achievements of young people.

WHEREAS, NHD allows for special prizes associated with it’s national competition held annually at the University of Maryland, 48 State-wide/District of Columbia programs exist that can be supported by various HMGS Chapters and numerous district competitions that could easily be adopted by HMGS Affiliates or Clubs.

WHEREAS, numerous colleges, universities and educational/military institutions manage, sponsor and support the National and various State-wide History Days.

WHEREAS, the History Day Program staffs advertises and obtain professional and/or credentialed judges to review all prizes and to select special prize winners.

WHEREAS, History Day special prize sponsors are encouraged to recognize outstanding student scholars by presenting their named special prizes during the appropriate level(s) of competition.

WHEREAS, HMGS continues to debate the perceived “Graying” of the Hobby and the History Day program provides direct access to untold secondary school “scholars” in each of up to two divisions (Junior Division students covering grades 6-8 and Senior Division students in grades 9-12) across the country

RESOLVED, that HMGS-East will, at the direction of it's Board of Directors, annually budget and confer History Day related special prizes for Military History, in both the junior and senior divisions, for the National and as many State History Day competitions as finances and other chapters encourage under the following guidelines:

- 1) That HMGS-East will work with HMGS Chapters, Affiliates and Clubs to ensure that as many State and District competitions as possible offer special prizes in Military History.
- 2) That HMGS-East will develop an accounting mechanism to allow for the dedication of charitable donations or fund raised activities (no commingling of donated and operational funds to occur) to support History Day related special prizes on Military History.
- 3) That individual HMGS-East sponsored History Day special prizes will be known as the "HMGS _____ (state name, district name, etc) Military History Prize".

RESOLVED, that HMGS-East will hereby suspend its existing scholarship program while still continuing to reasonably support all previously selected scholarship recipients. This action does not preclude the future institution of an HMGS mission-focused scholarship program.

RESOLVED, that HMGS will continue to develop programs to provide for direct historical gaming experiences in the classroom and to further explore collegiate programs to support the study of military gaming and history.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2002.

President

Secretary