



2012 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year

North Carolina Council for
the Social Studies

MISSION

To serve the members of our organization in providing support to social studies educators across this state, by collaborating with other professional groups to enhance social studies connections in North Carolina, publicizing and promoting the importance of the social studies in the curriculum, ensuring that all North Carolina students develop skills and appreciations of social studies from the global to local perspective in order to become productive citizens in today's changing world, uplifting the study and integration of social studies within the curricula for all students, and speaking on behalf of social studies issues.

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To find out more about membership please email beckygriffith.nccss@gmail.com

The North Carolina Council for the Social Studies recognizes exemplary teaching in the field of social studies at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Teachers may be nominated by an individual; preferably a principal, supervisor, or fellow teacher, or a group. Self-nominations are not accepted. A nominee must be a current member of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. The Social Studies Teacher of the Year Awards are presented at the NCCSS annual state conference held in February of each year. The 2012 conference will be February 23-24 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The awards are presented to classroom social studies teachers who have demonstrated exceptional ability to:

1. Develop and/or use instructional materials creatively and effectively;
2. Incorporate innovative and/or effective instructional strategies and techniques;
3. Utilize new scholarship from history, the social sciences, or other appropriate fields;
4. Foster a spirit of inquiry and the development of skills related to both domestic and international events;
5. Foster the development of democratic beliefs and values, and the citizenship skills needed for participation in the classroom, school, and community;
6. Demonstrate professional involvement in activities such as workshops, curriculum development, committees, and other associations.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Nominees must be classroom teachers teaching social studies at the time of nomination and a member of NCCSS.
2. Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year nominees must teach in grades Pre K – 6.
3. Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year nominees must teach in grades 5 – 8.
4. Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year nominees must teach in grades 9 – 12.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted on the nomination form provided and must include:

1. A completed nomination form;
2. A letter of nomination **by the nominator** describing the nominee's exemplary teaching in the field of social studies;
3. **The nominee** shall submit a resume, and a brief statement of his or her philosophy of teaching social studies;
4. **The nominee** must submit a letter of recommendation from his or her principal, supervisor, or a fellow teacher. Nominees are allowed up to two additional letters of recommendation.



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Nomination materials are reviewed by the NCCSS Awards Selection Committee. After evaluation, one nominee at each level is selected.

TIMELINE

December 31, 2011 – Nominations materials must be mailed and postmarked on or before this date. The selection committee reviews nomination materials.

January 2012 – Award recipients and nominators will be notified by the committee chair.

February 23, 2012 – Awards presented at the NCCSS Annual State Conference.

QUESTIONS ?

If you have any questions about the Social Studies Teacher of the Year program, contact Julie Kinnaird, Board Member, NC Council for the Social Studies

Email: kinnaird@unc.edu

Phone: 919/962-6785



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Nomination Form

Please type or print

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____

AWARD CATEGORY (check one)

_____ Elementary (preK - 6)

_____ Middle (6 - 8)

_____ Secondary (9 - 12)

NCCSS Membership Verification

_____ Yes, the nominee is a current member of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. ***If not, complete the online membership form and mail it along with payment according to the directions on the form. You may contact beckygriffith.nccss@gmail.com for additional information on how to join.***

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

School or organization: _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Four copies (4) of the above materials must be mailed to:

Julie Kinnaird, NC Council for the Social Studies Board Member

C/O World View, UNC at Chapel Hill

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Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8011

Nominations must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011 to be considered.

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