



North Carolina Council for the Social Studies

2016 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award

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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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The North Carolina Council for the Social Studies recognizes exemplary teaching in the field of social studies. Teachers may be nominated by an individual; preferably a principal, supervisor, or fellow teacher, or a group. Self-nominations are also accepted. The Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award is presented at the NCCSS annual state conference held each year.

NEW THIS YEAR! The winner of the 2016 Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award will be presented an award check for **\$100** at the conference luncheon. In addition, the winner is encouraged to share his/her expertise and experiences by presenting on a session topic of his/her choice at the 2017 annual conference; if the winner chooses to do so, the NCCSS will also waive the \$100 conference fee in 2017.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The award is presented to a classroom social studies teacher who exceptionally:

- Demonstrates a broad knowledge of subject matter, curriculum and standards and uses this knowledge to develop and implement creative, engaging, and effective instructional strategies.
- Fosters a spirit of interest, inquiry, engagement and appreciation among students regarding social studies.
- Fosters the development of democratic beliefs and values, as well as the citizenship skills needed for participation in the classroom, school, and community (such as tolerance, respect, communication, etc.).
- Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching social studies, including a caring attitude, a love of learning, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.
- Demonstrates professional involvement in activities such as workshops, curriculum development, committees, and other associations.

REQUIREMENTS

Nominees must be classroom teachers teaching social studies and must be a member of NCCSS at the time of the award.

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** must submit a resume and a brief statement (less than 1 page) of his or her philosophy of teaching social studies;
4. **The nominee** must submit at least one letter of recommendation from someone highly knowledgeable of the nominee's teaching ability (i.e., principal, supervisor, curriculum coordinator, fellow teacher, student, parent, community partner, etc). Nominees are allowed up to three letters of recommendation.

Nomination materials are reviewed by the NCCSS Awards Selection Committee. Recipient will be notified in January 2016.



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2016 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award Nomination Form

Please type or print

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

School: _____

NCCSS Membership Verification

_____ Yes, the nominee is a current member of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. If not, visit <http://ncsocialstudies.org/membership/> for membership information. Award recipient must be a member of the NCCSS at time of award.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

School or organization: _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Please send all required documents to:

Michelle McLaughlin
1224 North Forest Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Nominations must be postmarked no later than December 10, 2015 to be considered.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about the NCCSS Teacher of the Year Award contact:
Michelle by email: mmclaughlin81@gmail.com