

CCSS OUTSTANDING MIDDLE LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Award Purpose

The purpose of the CCSS Outstanding Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year is to recognize a CCSS member whose classroom teachings in grades 5 -8 and whose professional practices reflect the goals and purposes of an exemplary social studies education.

Nominee Membership Status

- A **current** member in CCSS at the time of nomination.
- Nominee must be teaching in grades 5 -8, or must be teaching social studies at least one-half time in a departmentalized school or regularly and systematically in a middle school setting.
- Not an elected member of the CCSS Executive Committee at the time of the nomination.
- Not a member of the Selection Committee at the time of the nomination.

Criteria

Nomination shall be based upon the following criteria

The award is presented to a middle school classroom social studies teacher who has demonstrated an exceptional ability to excel in at least five of the six areas listed below:

1. *Developing and/or use instructional materials creatively and effectively.*
2. *Incorporating innovative and/or verified effective instructional strategies and techniques.*
3. *Utilizing new scholarship from history, the social sciences, or other appropriate fields.*
4. *Fostering a spirit of inquiry and the development of skills related to acquiring, organizing, processing, and using information and making decisions related to **both** domestic and international matters.*
5. *Fostering the development of democratic beliefs and values, and the skills needed for citizenship participation appropriate to elementary age youth in classroom, school, and community settings.*
6. *Showing evidence of professional involvement through activities such as workshops, curriculum development, committees, and other association activities.*

Award

Each award recipient will receive:

- A plaque
- A complimentary registration at the "Award Year" Conference
- A check award in the amount of \$100.00

Selection Process

A maximum of 1 award will be presented each year only if the candidate fulfills the established criteria:

1. Nominations may be submitted by the CCSS local council of which the nominee is a member.
2. A member of the Professional Standards Committee will chair the selection committee which will include at least one member of the Executive Committee and a past recipient of the award.
3. **Selection committee members will have no conflict of interest with award nominees.**
4. The completed nomination materials for the following year's award are due by **November 15th**.

Required Documentation

It is the responsibility of the nominator to provide all nomination materials, which include:

1. A narrative statement of not more than five pages, double spaced, describing the nominee's exemplary practice.
2. A vita or professional resume prepared by the nominee
3. Supporting documentation, limited to three items, may include reproductions of newspaper articles, teaching evaluations and letters of support not to exceed an additional ten pages.
4. A video or portfolio with unit plan, lessons, and student materials which provide a visual/hands-on of the nominee's expertise as a teacher.
5. Maximum of 100 word biographical statement
6. Headshot photo of nominee

Submission of Nomination Applications and Required Materials

Complete applications with all required materials are due to CCSS no later than 11:59PM on November 15th and may be submitted via email or US/Private Carrier Mail Service. Application materials will NOT be returned. Please maintain a copy for your records.

FOUR SETS of hard copy completed applications with all required materials submitted via US mail or private carrier may be sent to

CCSS Awards Recognition Program

P.O. Box 9319

Chico, CA 95927-9319

OR

Applications and materials submitted via email may be sent to jw@ccss.org. CCSS encourages electronic submissions. Videos may be provided via links to such sites as Teacher Tube or You Tube, or may be saved to a flashdrive or disc and sent to the CCSS Awards Recognition Program via US/Private Mail Carrier.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET CCSS OUTSTANDING MIDDLE LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR



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REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR THE CCSS OUTSTANDING MIDDLE LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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Submitted by _____

Mailing Address with Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number with Area Code _____

Nominee's Name _____

Mailing Address with Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number with Area Code _____

Nominee's CCSS Membership Number _____

Local Council (if applicable) _____

School/Employer (if applicable) _____