

SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE

GOAL: The Georgia Council for the Social Studies will identify exemplary social studies programs throughout the state each year. A description of selected programs will be published and may be singled out for nomination for national awards given by the National Council for the Social Studies.

PURPOSE:

- to identify and provide recognition for outstanding social studies programs currently being implemented in Georgia
- to encourage the growth and development of effective programs in the social studies

DEFINITION: An exemplary program is a currently implemented social studies program of outstanding quality based on a curriculum framework consistent with the NCSS Social Studies Curriculum Guidelines. GCSS/NCSS Social Studies Programs of Excellence will recognize complete social studies programs (no single grade levels or single courses) which encourage articulation; balance of content; a variety of teaching strategies; and the involvement of teachers, students, and the community.

CATEGORIES OF ENTRY:

- System wide K-12 Program
- System wide at the elementary, middle or high school levels
- Single Elementary Building (May be segment such as K-3 or 4-6 or some other combination)
- Single Middle School Building (May be segment such as 6-7 or 7-8)
- Single High School Building (May be segment such as 9-10 or 10-12)
- Social Studies Teacher Education Program (May be district staff development or pre-service training at college/university level)
- Non-commercial organizations, agencies, or institutions in ongoing associations with K-12 schools

Application Deadline: September 16, 2011

Applications should be sent to:
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Applications may be obtained by visiting the GCSS website at www.gcss.net

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Application

Program Title _____

School _____

System _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Email _____

Program Contact Person _____

Category of Entry

_____ System

_____ Elementary School

_____ Middle School

_____ High School

_____ Teacher Education Programs

_____ Non-commercial organizations in ongoing association with the above

Description: Include a 75-word abstract of the program along with letters of recommendation, photographs, narrative description, and other pertinent information. Application packs should be no more than 10 pages maximum.