

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award

The Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes and honors the accomplishments of a social studies educator in the area of civil rights and civil liberties. Nominees inspire students to be fully informed about their civil rights and civil liberties assured by the Constitution. The teacher should be someone who inspires students to take informed action when they see injustices and to be responsible contributing members of our democracy. This award serves to honor a person who is striving to continue their work advancing civil rights and civil liberties. The recipient will be recognized at the annual state social studies conference.

Award

- \$200 cash award and plaque
- Recognition at the State Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

Criteria

- The educator has made a significant effort to teach the concept of justice in a creative, inspiring way. This might include, but not be limited to, teaching about civil liberties, human rights, international justice, the Holocaust, genocide studies, and local issues of justice.
- Nominees may design a special lesson, course of study, create a school or district project, or lead their students in some way to promote civil rights or civil liberties.
- Close attention will be focused on applicants who possess the ability to expose injustice while at the same time inspiring their students to improve the world through justice, service or advocacy.

Eligibility

- Current K-12 teacher with minimum of 3 years teaching experience
- Elementary teacher: must be currently teaching Social Studies
- Secondary teacher: must teach Social Studies for the majority of the day
- Will continue to teach (K-12) for a minimum of one year after receiving the award
- Be employed and in good standing by a school district or private school

Nominations

- Anyone may nominate an applicant, including self-nominations
- At least one letter supporting the nomination must be submitted (for self-nominations, there must be an accompanying letter of recommendation from another source)
- It should be noted that the award is not designated as a “lifetime achievement award”, but one that recognizes great teaching by any nominee with a minimum of three years’ experience.
- Deadline for completed applications is determined by the governing body of the State Council for Social Studies



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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Title: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____ Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

NOMINATOR

Nominator: _____

("yourself," if self-nominated)

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

_____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attach at least one letter supporting the nomination. The letter should provide an explanation regarding the nominee's teaching accomplishments which is specifically related to at least one of the three award criteria listed above. (For self-nominations, there must be an accompanying letter of recommendation from another source.) Additional letters or supporting materials may be included.

Send original application with supporting materials to:

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Completed applications must be postmarked by **September 12**