



South Carolina Council for the Social Studies
P O Box 11746
Columbia, SC 29211-1746

Dear Colleagues:

The school year is off and running. Since the school year began, is there one unit of study that seems remarkable? Do you remember a time when you motivated the students to push harder and achieve more than they expected? Has a colleague done some outstanding things in the classroom?

The SCCSS annually honors the outstanding performance of teachers, college professors, and other worthy individuals and programs that work to promote quality social studies in the Palmetto State. Please take a moment to look over the enclosed applications for Social Studies Teacher of Excellence Award and Programs of Excellence Award. Winning teachers will receive the following:

- a plaque to commemorate the event,
- recognition by the SCCSS at the annual fall conference in Greenville,
- free conference registration at the fall Annual Conference,
- notification of the local media of this accomplishment,
- a \$100 cash award, and
- nomination to the National Council for the Social Studies awards.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed applications. Consider nominating a colleague or a program in your school or district. The application deadline is **May 15 each year**.

Respectfully,

Awards Committee, SCCSS



South Carolina Council for the Social Studies
Social Studies Teacher of Excellence Awards



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Purpose:

To recognize exceptional classroom social studies teachers for grades K-6, 5-8, and 9-12 who teach social studies regularly and systematically in elementary, middle or junior high, and high school settings or at least half time in a departmentalized school setting.

Criteria:

- Anyone may nominate. Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Maintenance of current SCCSS membership for at least two years prior to nomination date.
- Nominees cannot be nominated for the award in more than one category (i.e., junior high/middle school teachers are ineligible for the secondary award).
- Demonstrated exceptional abilities in one or more of the categories listed below:
 1. Develop or use instructional materials creatively and effectively.
 2. Incorporate innovative and verified effective instructional strategies and techniques.
 3. Utilize new scholarship from history, the social sciences, or other appropriate fields.
 4. Demonstrated ability to foster 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. Demonstrated ability to foster the development of democratic beliefs and values, and the skills needed for citizen participation appropriate to students' grade level in classroom, school, and community settings.
 6. Evidence of professional involvement in activities such as workshops, curriculum development, committees, and other association activities, etc.

Nomination Requirements:

- Letter of nomination
- Vita or professional resume prepared by the nominee
- Two letters supporting nomination, one from nominee's immediate supervisor and one additional
- Narrative of nominee's achievements consisting of not more than two (2) one-sided double-spaced 8-1/2 x 11 pages
- Description of nominee's current teaching assignment

Optional:

- Documented evidence (letters, videotapes, certificates, lesson/unit plans, etc.) that the nominee has met established teaching criteria through his or her outstanding classroom practices.

Submission Requirements:

- One copy of all material

Required nomination materials

- Nomination cover page (see attached)
- Nomination materials should be bound (presentation folder, loose leaf, spiral, etc.)

Review the contents of your submission carefully!

Nomination materials that are incomplete or that do not meet the established criteria will not be considered. The selection committee reserves the right to remove from consideration any application that fails to meet all submission requirements.

Submission Deadline: Postmarked by **May 15 each year.**

Send to:
Social Studies Teacher of Excellence Award Subcommittee
SCCSS
P O Box 11746
Columbia, SC 29211-1746



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Social Studies Teacher of Excellence Awards

The SCCSS member I wish to nominate is:

Name: _____

School Affiliation: _____

School Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

School Phone: _____

Award for which nominee is to be considered: Elementary Middle Level Secondary

Title/Subjects Taught: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Work Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

As the nominator, I have prepared a nomination packet that includes the nominee's vita/professional resume; a narrative of the nominee's accomplishments (not more than two pages); and optional supporting documentation.

Signature of Nominator _____ **Date Prepared** _____