

**2010 OUTSTANDING SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AWARDS
NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Eligibility

Teachers do not have to be TNCCS members to be nominated, but it is requested that they join should they win an award. A K-6 teacher must conduct a continuous social studies instructional program to be eligible while a 7-12 teacher must teach social studies at least 60 percent of the day. Nominees do NOT have to be members of TCSS, but if selected will be required to join TCSS (\$20) for 2010-2011.

Criteria for Selection

Selection will be based on excellence in the areas of classroom instruction, curriculum development, leadership in the teaching profession, and community involvement. The nomination process is purposely aligned with those of the National Council for the Social Studies. Teachers that are selected for Outstanding Social Studies Teachers in Tennessee can, if they choose, submit an application for the National Social Studies Teacher of the Year Awards. We believe that our Tennessee Teachers are some of the best in the nation and hope to showcase their work on a national level.

Awards Presentation

A luncheon will be held to honor and present awards to the outstanding social studies teachers during the TNCSS State Conference

State Social Studies Conference
Friday, March 12, 2010
Memphis Hilton Hotel
Memphis, Tennessee

Registration for the conference and luncheon will be provided to the award winners.

Deadline for Nominations

If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Brooks by e-mail: pkcbrooks@aol.com . All nominations postmarked by **February 13, 2010** will be considered. Mail nominations to:

Patsy F. Brooks
1500 Fairidge Drive
Kingsport, Tennessee 37664

NOMINATION FORM (self nominations accepted)
(Duplicate as Needed)

School System _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

Teacher's Name _____

Level: K-6___ 7-12___ Grade(s)/ Subject(s) Taught _____

School _____

Home Address _____

City/Zip Code _____ Home Phone No. _____

Email address _____

Nomination Requirements: [Note: Applications can be emailed!](#)

- * Cover Page –
- * Letter of nomination (needed only if someone is nominating you for the award, you are encouraged to nominate yourself!).
- * Letter(s) of Support. Letter(s) from your immediate supervisor with performance responsibility.
- * Vita or Professional Resume prepared by the nominee (listing degrees conferred by U.S. accredited institutions only, educational experience, community service, leadership, etc).
- * Current Teaching Assignment. Description of nominee's current teaching assignment (to verify eligibility).
- * Applicant Narrative describing how he/she meets all criteria areas listed below (not to exceed five (5) one-sided double-spaced 8-1/2 x 11 pages).
 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. Utilize the ten interrelated themes identified in NCSS curriculum standards: culture; time, continuity, and change; people, places, and environment; individual development and identity; individuals, groups, and institutions; power, authority, and governance; production, distribution, and consumption; science, technology, and society; global connections; and civic ideals and practices.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.
 7. Evidence of professional involvement in activities such as workshops, curriculum development, committees, and other association activities, etc.