



Kansas Council for the Social Studies

Judy Cromwell Excellence in Teaching Awards

"Recognizing Exceptional Social Studies Instruction"

Eligibility

The nominee must:

- be presently serving as a social studies educator (K-12) with at least a half-time appointment.
- have taught a minimum of three years at the designated grade level.

Awards will be given at K-6 and 7-12 grade levels.

Awards

Each recipient will receive:

- Complimentary registration for KCSS Conference
- One night hotel stay (night before the conference)
- Recognition at state conference (winner is expected to use their complimentary registration and hotel stay to attend the pre-conference award reception on Sunday night)
- A framed commemorative award certificate
- \$250 Cash Award
- Award recipient is eligible for nomination for the NCSS award if an NCSS member

Nomination Process

Any one may nominate. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nomination packets must include:

- Nomination form (page 3 or online form)
- Professional resume
- A 1-2 page letter from the applicant/nominee that addresses one or more of the criteria listed on page 2.
- Two letters of support for the nomination prepared by the individual making the nomination (if not self-nominated) and someone who is well acquainted with the nominee's teaching effectiveness who can provide credible evidence of the person's achievements.:
 - A fellow teacher
 - Department chairperson
 - Building principal
 - School district social studies supervisor
 - Parent/student

Total of 3 letters: one from the nominee, one from the nominator, and one from another individual in support of the nominee.

Submit nomination packet by September 15th to one of the addresses below. Award winners will be notified by October 1st.

Email to: cassmedley@gmail.com

Mail to: Cassie Medley 403 Topeka Ave. Paxico, KS 66526



Criteria for Excellence in Teaching Awards:

One or more of the following categories should be addressed in the nomination letter. Individuals completing letters of support can also use the categories to structure their information:

- Developing or using instructional materials creatively and effectively.
- Incorporating innovative and verified effective instructional strategies and techniques.
- Utilizing the five standards identified in the *Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for History, Government, and Social Studies*, the ten interrelated themes identified in the *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies* as well as integrating the four dimensions of inquiry concepts from *College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework* in teaching.
- Fostering a spirit of inquiry and development of skills related to acquiring, organizing, processing, and using information and making decisions related to both domestic and international matters.
- Fostering 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.
- Professional involvement in activities such as workshops, curriculum developments, committees, and other association activities, etc.

NCSS Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award Nomination

Educators chosen to receive the Kansas Council for the Social Studies Judy Cromwell Excellence in Teaching Awards will receive endorsement by KCSS for the NCSS award, if winners are NCSS members. It is important for those completing KCSS award nomination packets to understand that the NCSS award has different criteria for its award nominees.

These requirements can be found at :<http://www.socialstudies.org/awards/teacherofyear>

KCSS award winners wishing to be nominated for the NCSS award will have from late October to late June the following year to complete their applications for the NCSS award (2017 KCSS award winners will be nominated for the 2018 NCSS award).



Nomination Form

Please check the box next to the grade level award that this application is for.

Elementary School Middle School High School Higher Education

Nominee Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator Information (if not self-nominated)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee's School Information

School Name: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____