



## Social Studies Teacher of the Year Nominator/Reference Form

### Guidelines

Each year, the Virginia Council for the Social Studies (VCSS) recognizes outstanding teachers of the social studies K-12. The Teacher of the Year is the Virginia Social Studies educator who makes social studies lively, engaging and informative for his/her students while also developing the thinking skills and habits of inquiry necessary for effective democratic citizenship. Criteria for the award include but are not limited to:

1. Develop or use instructional materials creatively and effectively.
2. Incorporate innovative and verifiable effective instructional strategies and techniques.
3. Demonstrate an 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.
4. Current member of the VCSS (Membership link: [www.vcss.org](http://www.vcss.org)).

The Virginia Teacher of the Year will receive:

- \$500.00 for professional purposes
- Recognized at the annual conference of the Virginia Council for the Social Studies in the fall.
- Membership on the VCSS Board of Directors
- Opportunity to present at the following years VCSS Conference
- A presentation of a globe by Nystrom Herff Jones Education Division Company

In short, the Council seeks the nominations of exemplary social studies professionals. Thank you for your support and participation. This reference form should be returned to the nominee in a sealed envelope no later than June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Nominee Information

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommended By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Why should this candidate be selected "Outstanding Virginia Social Studies Teacher of the Year"?  
*Please feel free to write on the back or attach a word document with the nominee's information at the top.*