

## Billy Sills Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award will honor a TCSS member who has demonstrated exemplary service to the organization and exemplifies the professional social studies educator.

### Application Criteria:

- Typed nomination packet consisting of all requested documentation, *postmarked by May 15. (Send 8 copies of packet)*
- Current TCSS member
- Five years continuous service to the state organization

### Selection Criteria:

- Distinguished performance in local/state/national councils, including offices and work on committees
- Active promoter of social studies education in public forums, educational organizations, or media
- Creator or organizer of social studies activities or special programs

### Requested Documentation:

1. The completed nomination form and letter submitted by a TCSS member detailing the exemplary nature of the nominee's service to the local/state/national councils
2. A resume or vitae *listing* educational background, social studies experience and contributions, council activities, and other professional activities, awards and recognitions
3. Three letters of recommendation detailing the nominee's contributions to the promotion/advancement of social studies education
4. No more than three additional pages to support the nominees credentials for recognition (articles, pictures, etc.)

### APPLICATION PRESENTATION:

\*\*\*\*\*ALL PACKETS\*\*\*\*\*

Presentation materials should be submitted in report portfolios bound in plastic combs or clear plastic report folders. Do not send loose stapled materials or three ring binders.

## Outstanding Elementary, Middle/Junior, and High School Teacher of the Year

One elementary, middle/junior and high school teacher will be honored for outstanding teaching, contribution to the advancement of social studies education within the school and community, and active participation in local/state/national social studies councils.

### Application Criteria:

- Typed nomination packet consisting of all requested documentation, *postmarked by May 15. (Send 8 copies of packet)*
- Current TCSS member
- Current classroom teacher
- Five years as a classroom teacher

### Selection Criteria:

- Exceptional classroom instruction in developing students' citizenship skills, fostering inquiry and problem solving, enhancing social studies through creative activities; continuous education in the field of social studies
- Advancement of social studies education in the community and utilization of community resources, and student competitions
- Instructional leadership in district, state, etc., and awards and recognitions
- Active participation in social studies councils

### Requested Documentation:

1. The completed nomination form and letter submitted by the local council detailing the nature of the nominee's service to the local/state/national councils\*\*
  2. A resume or vitae *listing* educational background, experience and contributions to social studies education, and council activities
  3. Three letters of recommendation (one from a superior within the last three years) detailing the nominee's experience and contributions to social studies education
  4. No more than three additional pages to support the nominees credentials for recognition (articles, pictures, etc.)
  5. A sample lesson plan
- \*\* Cite specific examples of how the teacher meets the selection criteria.

Lesson plans of all applicants will be submitted to *The Texan* for publication consideration.