

TCSS NOVA Award

The NOVA Award is designed **only** for teachers who have completed their first year as a classroom teacher and are currently teaching in their second or third year. This award, regardless of level (elementary, middle/junior, and high school), is intended to honor the outstanding new teacher who contributes to the advancement of social studies education within the school and community.

Please Note: 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.

Application Criteria

- Typed nomination packet consisting of all required documentation postmarked by May 15th
- Current TCSS member
- Current classroom teacher
- Less than four (4) years as a classroom teacher but more than one year

Selection Criteria

- Exceptional classroom instruction in developing students' citizenship skills, fostering inquiry and problem-solving, enhancing social studies through creative activities and technology instruction
- Demonstration of 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
- Involvement in the local social studies councils

Requested Documentation

- Completed typed nomination form and letter submitted by the local council detailing the nature of the nominee's service to the council
- Resume or vitae listing educational background, experience, and contributions to social studies
- Three letters of recommendation (one from a supervisor within the last year) detailing the nominee's contribution to social studies education
- No more than three additional pages to support the nominee's credentials for recognition (articles, pictures, etc.)

Send all materials to

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