

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING A TEACHER FOR THE 2010 NSDAR OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST

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PURPOSE OF CONTEST: To recognize a NOTABLE, FULL-TIME teacher of American History (and related fields, such as social studies, government, and citizenship education) in public, private and parochial schools, **grades 6-12.**

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER:

The candidate must:

- (a) have taught school during the academic years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010
- (a) teach in the state that sponsors the candidate
- (b) have an incisive knowledge of American History that he/she readily shares with students
- (c) foster a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country and constitutional government
- (d) demonstrate the ability to relate history to modern life and events
- (e) have high academic standards, requiring excellence at all times from students
- (f) be committed to his/her students and enjoy good rapport with them

HOW A CHAPTER IS TO SELECT AND HONOR AN OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- (a) Arrange for a conference with principal in a local junior high, middle school, or high school (grades 6-12 only)
 - (1) explain the purpose of the contest and review criteria
 - (2) ask for the principal's assistance in selecting a candidate
- (b) Prepare a complete dossier
 - (1) see reverse side of this sheet for a checklist of what comprises a complete dossier
 - (2) place a copy of the official Application Form (reverse side of this sheet) as the first page of the dossier
 - (3) affix all materials comprising a dossier firmly with staples or brads
 - (4) limit the size of the dossier to no more than 20 single-sided pages
 - (5) **Do not submit a personal photograph.** This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Absolutely **no** photograph of the candidate may be sent, including pictures that might have been incorporated in newspaper articles.
 - (6) **Do not send video, audio tapes, or multi-page publications** (except newspaper articles).
- (a) Completed dossier should be sent by Chapter Historian to her State Historian **by the date set by the State Society:**
_____ (The chapter may wish to retain an extra copy of the dossier for its records).
- (b) The chapter nominee may be honored with a special certificate for chapter use available free of charge from the Office of the Historian General. Suitable gifts would be a book or cash.

HOW A STATE SOCIETY SELECTS AND HONORS A STATE WINNER AND SUBMITS THIS WINNER TO THE NATIONAL COMPETITION:

- (a) The state winner will be selected by a committee of at least three judges, two of whom are not DAR members. This committee must be appointed by the State Historian and approved by the State Regent.
- (b) The **original dossier** of the state winner and **3 photocopies** of the complete dossier (**for a total of four**) must be received by the Historian General prior to **January 15, 2010.** (The State Society may wish to retain an extra copy of the dossier for its records.) **LATE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

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- (c) The state winner may be honored with a special state winner certificate available free of charge from the Office of the Historian General, and may be given a cash award.
- (d) Additionally, the handsome "State Winner NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History pin," may be ordered through the Office of the Historian General for a small charge.

CHOOSING AND HONORING THE NATIONAL WINNER OF THE CONTEST:

- (a) The Historian General will appoint a committee of three non-DAR judges to select the Outstanding Teacher of American History for 2010.
- (b) The national winner will be honored at Continental Congress 2010 and will receive a check for \$3,000, a special certificate, and a book.
- (c) Second and third place national winners will receive honorable mention and be given a special certificate and book.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION

**OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR NOMINATING A TEACHER FOR THE
2010 NSDAR OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST**

(A copy of this form should be placed as the cover sheet of the application)

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name of Teacher Being Nominated _____

Name of School _____

School's Address _____

Teacher's Home Address _____

Chapter Sponsoring Teacher _____

Chapter Regent _____ Chapter Historian _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Chapter contact person if other than Regent or Historian _____

Address _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

ALL SUBMITTED MATERIALS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN. Please indicate below that you have attached **all** of the following items to this application.

- ☐ 1. A signed, autobiographical statement written by the teacher being sponsored, which includes: the teacher's educational background, a complete history of where the teacher has taught, when and what courses; and a summary of teaching accomplishments and philosophy. The teacher should additionally refer to other history related professional activities in which he/she has participated in the academic and non-academic scene and note any special commendations/awards received for such work.
- ☐ 2. One-page signed statements from at least **three** (but no more than six) non-DAR persons familiar with the teacher's work (fellow teachers, community leaders, students, or former students). These statements should clarify the relationship of the writer of the statement to the teacher and should clearly explain why the nominee is an outstanding teacher of American history.
- ☐ 3. Letter of endorsement from the sponsoring DAR chapter.