

**Georgia Council for the Social Studies**  
**Social Studies Teacher of Promise Award**  
**Nomination Guidelines**

**Award:**

The GCSS Social Studies Teacher of Promise recipient will be recognized at the GCSS Annual Conference in October. Recognition will include a plaque, complimentary conference registration and one-year membership to GCSS.

**Purpose:**

The TOP award recognizes beginning social studies teachers who show exceptional promise in the field of teaching social studies.

**Qualifications:**

- Nominees shall be in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in the area of social studies
- Nominees shall be in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of their teaching career.
- Nominees may work in the categories of elementary, middle, or secondary social studies education.

**Criteria for Selection:**

- Efforts toward the improvement of student learning and engagement in social studies
- Activities that demonstrate the beginnings of service and foster the development of democratic values and citizenship in the classroom, school, and community
- Seeking out and use of multiple sources to enhance social studies instruction
- Professional interest and involvement beyond the normal job requirements

**Nomination Materials**

- A letter of nomination from a GCSS member that directly addresses how the nominee meets at least three of the Criteria for Selection (2 pages maximum)
- A vita/resume for the nominee
- A maximum of 5 pages of support documentation such as newspaper articles; letters of support from administrators, colleagues, students, or parents; and other material that documents the potential for or achievements of the nominee.
- Letter of Recommendation from the nominees evaluating administrator
- Letter of support (optional) from a student or parent

**Nomination for  
GCSS Social Studies Teacher of Promise Award**

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of years as a social studies teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

GCSS member submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of GCSS member submitting the nomination

Date

Nomination Deadline: September 12, 2016

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