

## **SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE**

**GOAL:** The Georgia Council for the Social Studies will identify exemplary social studies programs throughout the state each year. A description of selected programs will be published and may be singled out for nomination for national awards given by the National Council for the Social Studies.

### **PURPOSE:**

- to identify and provide recognition for outstanding social studies programs currently being implemented in Georgia
- to encourage the growth and development of effective programs in the social studies

**DEFINITION:** An exemplary program is a currently implemented social studies program of outstanding quality based on a curriculum framework consistent with the NCSS Social Studies Curriculum Guidelines. GCSS/NCSS Social Studies Programs of Excellence will recognize complete social studies programs (no single grade levels or single courses) which encourage articulation; balance of content; a variety of teaching strategies; and the involvement of teachers, students, and the community.

### **CATEGORIES OF ENTRY:**

- System wide K-12 Program
- System wide at the elementary, middle or high school levels
- Single Elementary Building (May be segment such as K-3 or 4-6 or some other combination)
- Single Middle School Building (May be segment such as 6-7 or 7-8)
- Single High School Building (May be segment such as 9-10 or 10-12)
- Social Studies Teacher Education Program (May be district staff development or pre-service training at college/university level)
- Non-commercial organizations, agencies, or institutions in ongoing associations with K-12 schools

**Application Deadline: September 11, 2015**

Applications should be sent to:  
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Applications may be obtained by visiting the GCSS website at [www.gcss.net](http://www.gcss.net)

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## Application

**Program Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**System** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Category of Entry**

\_\_\_\_\_ System

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle School

\_\_\_\_\_ High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Education Programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-commercial organizations in ongoing association with the above

**Description:** Include a 75-word abstract of the program along with letters of recommendation, photographs, narrative description, and other pertinent information. Application packs should be no more than 10 pages maximum.