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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education
RE: 2020 National History Teacher of the Year Award (Grades K-12)

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has established an annual award to honor a History Teacher of the Year for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and United States Territories. The winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be a candidate for the National History Teacher of the Year Award to be selected next fall. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 award. The school of the state winner will also receive an archive of history books and materials named in honor of the winning teacher.

Attached is a copy of the eligibility and nomination requirements. All nominations must be submitted on the Gilder Lehrman website at www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. The nomination **deadline is March 31, 2020**. Please distribute this information to all principals of schools containing Grades K-12.

If you should need additional information, please contact Dr. Carolyn A. Jones by telephone at (334) 694-4768 or via email at cajones@alsde.edu.

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Attachments

FY20-2040

NOMINATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

- Any full-time educator of Grades K-12 who teaches American History (including state and local history). American History may be taught as an individual subject or through social studies, reading, language arts, and other subjects.
- Nominees must be planning to teach for at least one year following the award year.
- Past state and national winners are not eligible.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Teachers nominated by state coordinators are not eligible.

Nominations

- Nominations must be submitted on the Gilder Lehrman website at gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. This form is open year round to collect nominations for any **eligible** K-12 teacher. A teacher can be nominated at any point during the year but must be nominated by **March 31, 2020**, to be considered for the current year's award.
- Nominators are asked to provide contact information for themselves and information about the nominee, including a short statement about why the nominee should be honored. Nominations can be made by any individual who is familiar with the teacher's work, including students, parents of students, colleagues, etc.
- Nominated teachers receive an email notification with instructions on how to submit all materials to be considered for the State History Teacher of the Year.



Joseph Welch
2018 National History Teacher of the Year
North Hills Middle School (PA)

NATIONAL HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**Teachers, Administrators, Parents,
and Students: We need your help to
find outstanding K–12 history teachers!**

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the 2020 National History Teacher of the Year.

Each year we recognize first-rate K–12 teachers who find creative ways to bring history to life in their classrooms. Winners are selected from each state and US territory, and become finalists for the national award.

State History Teacher of the Year winners receive:

- \$1,000
- Recognition at a ceremony in their state
- Free classroom materials

The national winner receives \$10,000 and is honored at a ceremony in New York City.

The deadline for 2020 nominations is March 31, 2020.

Learn more and nominate a teacher at gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy.

Visit gilderlehrman.org/nominate
to nominate a teacher for the
National History Teacher of the Year Award



Rosalee Tela-Shoulders
American Samoa History Teacher of the Year
Nu'uuli Vocational Technical High School



Geco Ross
Kentucky History Teacher of the Year
McNabb Elementary School

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