

Arizona Council for the Social Studies



NOMINATION FORM

THE WILBUR MURRA AWARD

In order to recognize individuals who have made long-term contributions to social studies education, the *Arizona Council for the Social Studies* has established the Wilbur Murra Award, presented annually at the ACSS Fall Conference. The Murra Award recipient will receive a plaque and a one year membership in ACSS. The award recognizes an individual who has:

1. *Demonstrated a record of "lifetime achievement" in social studies education in Arizona.*
2. *Served social studies education in a consistent and outstanding manner.*
3. *Exemplified the term, "Social Studies Educator," and/or nurtured such qualities in others.*
4. *Supported effective programs for democratic citizenship in their communities.*

ELIGIBILITY: Social studies teachers, school administrators, professors, and community leaders from across Arizona may be nominated for this award. Candidates need not be ACSS members, nor must they be professional educators. A nomination may be made by an administrator, teacher, coordinator, professor, or any other representative of the social studies program(s) with which the nominee has been involved.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Nominations will be judged by members of the ACSS Awards Committee based on these criteria:

1. *Evidence of "lifetime achievement" in social studies education in Arizona.*
2. *Initiative in establishing a record of service to social studies education.*
3. *Recognition and acclamation by the social studies community as a "Social Studies Educator."*
4. *Evidence that their support for social studies programs has had an impact on student learning.*

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS: To be judged by the ACSS Awards Committee, all nominations must meet the following requirements:

1. *Nominations must be typed and include this form as a cover sheet.*
2. *All nominations must include these elements:*
 - a. *A complete résumé/vita for the nominee.*
 - b. *A brief statement (no more than 1 page, single-spaced) highlighting the nominee's record of lifetime achievement in social studies education.*
 - c. *Two (2) letters from a supervisor(s), colleague(s), or community member(s) that provide evidence supporting the nominee's record of lifetime achievement.*
3. *Current members of the ACSS Board of Directors and the ACSS Awards Committee are not eligible.*

Complete the following information and return this form with supporting materials:

NOMINEE _____

POSITION/SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____ Arizona
Street City Zip

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NOMINATED BY _____

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Return this form and all supporting materials to:

**ACSS Awards Chair
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