



## THE LONG ISLAND COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

### **Social Studies Professional Awards Requirements**

#### **The Margaret Simon Award for Excellence in Elementary Social Studies Education**

- Is a member of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies at the time of nomination
- Integrates social studies into many facets of the elementary program
- Advocates social studies on the elementary level
- Emphasizes the uniqueness of each student and provides for individual difference among students
- Develops, uses and shares with other a variety of materials and teaching techniques for improving social studies education

#### **Outstanding Middle School/Junior High School Social Studies Teacher**

- Is a member of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies at time of nomination
- Is certified as a social studies teacher
- Has taught in the category for at least 5 years
- Has demonstrated knowledge of social studies content and current social studies issues
- Has demonstrated effective and inspiring social studies teaching, including the ability to convey the importance and vitality of social studies to the students at the level for which the person is nominated

#### **Outstanding High School Social Studies Teaching Award**

- Is a member of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies at time of nomination
- Is certified as a social studies teacher
- Has taught in the category for at least 5 years
- Has demonstrated knowledge of social studies content and current social studies issues
- Has demonstrated effective and inspiring social studies teaching, including the ability to convey the importance and vitality of social studies to the students at the level for which the person is nominated

#### **Outstanding Untenured Middle/Junior or High School Social Studies Teacher**

- Is a member of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies at time of nomination
- Is certified as a social studies teacher
- Has taught in the category for no more than three years
- Has demonstrated knowledge of social studies content and current social studies issues
- Has demonstrated effective and inspiring social studies teaching, including the ability to convey the importance and vitality of social studies to the students at the level for which the person is nominated

#### **The Harry C. Charles Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor/Chairperson Award**

- Is a member of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies at the time of nomination
- Is a certified in social studies as well as in the area of supervision
- Has been a chairperson/supervisor for at least five years
- Has demonstrated knowledge in social studies content as well as knowledge of current social studies issues
- Has demonstrated inspiring social studies leadership, including incorporation of effective techniques in supervisory practices



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## For All Nominations:

- Complete the following nomination form
- Include a letter explaining of why this candidate deserves the award
- Attach a lesson plan and/or a sample of student work (for teacher nominations)
- Attach a recommendation from supervisor
- Attach a recommendation from colleague/student or parent

## Nomination Form

- \_\_\_\_\_ Margaret Simon Award for Excellence in Social Studies Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Middle/Junior High School Social Studies Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding High School Social Studies Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Untenured Middle/Junior/High School Social Studies Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Social Studies Chairperson/Supervisor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All necessary materials must be emailed to [licsocialstudies@gmail.com](mailto:licsocialstudies@gmail.com) no later than March 31, 2026.

**All winners are expected to present at the LICSS Conference in October, 2026.**