

# 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 (or word processed) 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form and all supporting materials to:

**ACSS Awards Chair  
P.O. Box 24839  
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