



## NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) honors a teacher who possesses exceptional understanding of the humanities and who applies innovative pedagogy to humanities education; a teacher dedicated to interdisciplinary approaches to education; a teacher of the humanities who develops each student's ability to perceive, think critically, and form a personal world-view. Thus, NJCH is looking for a teacher who is equally grounded in scholarship and pedagogy—both a great thinker and a great mentor to students and colleagues in the field.

### THE AWARD

**Teacher of the Year:** \$500 to the teacher and \$500 to the teacher's school for teaching resources and programs, to be chosen by the Teacher of the Year.

### HOW TO PREPARE A NOMINATION

For each teacher nominated, please submit **6 collated copies of the following:**

1. the nomination form (on reverse side)
2. a narrative statement that describes the teacher and demonstrates why he/she deserves this award (**limit:** 500 words)
3. a résumé for the nominated teacher, indicating both formal and continuing education (**limit:** 2 pages)
4. a statement by the nominated teacher of his/her philosophy of teaching the humanities (**limit:** 2 pages)
5. recommendations: for middle- and high-school teachers, letters from faculty and students; for K-5 teachers, parents of students may also write supporting letters (**limit:** 4 recommendations)
6. a brief narrative of a successful lesson or unit that describes the materials and underlying questions used to engage students in critical thinking (**limit:** 4 pages)

### CRITERIA

1. **The teacher is currently a full-time classroom teacher in a New Jersey public school.**
2. The subject matter taught by the nominated teacher is in one or several of the humanities fields as defined by the National Endowment for the Humanities, including history, literature and language arts, philosophy, the theory and history of the arts, archaeology, comparative religion, world cultures, ethics, and those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods.
3. **The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2010.** All materials **must be postmarked** by this date. (*Note:* NJCH reserves the right to make no award, or to make multiple awards.)

### RECENT TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

**2009** Gregory Woodruff, Montclair High School, Montclair

**2008** Scott Sax, Cherokee High School, Marlton

**2007** Patricia Hans, Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood

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## NOMINATION FORM

Send 6 collated copies of this form and all accompanying materials postmarked by July 31, 2010 to:

Chris Scherer, Program Officer  
New Jersey Council for the Humanities  
28 West State Street, Sixth Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608

### Teacher

Nominated Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

State Legislative District of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

State Legislative District: \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominating Teacher/Administrator (please designate only **one** nominator)

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominator's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Information

Humanities discipline(s) taught by nominated teacher:

\_\_\_\_\_ history  
\_\_\_\_\_ literature/language arts  
\_\_\_\_\_ philosophy  
\_\_\_\_\_ ethics  
\_\_\_\_\_ theory/history of the arts  
\_\_\_\_\_ world cultures  
\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in professional organizations:  NJEA  AFT  
 OTHER (please give full name of organization) \_\_\_\_\_

### Check to be sure you have enclosed **6 collated copies** of:

- Nomination form (this page)
- Narrative statement about the teacher's strengths by the nominator
- Résumé for the nominated teacher
- Nominated teacher's statement of his/her philosophy of teaching the humanities
- Recommendations: for middle- and high-school teachers, letters from faculty and students; for K-5 teachers, parents of students may also write supporting letters (**limit**: 4)
- a brief narrative of a successful lesson or unit that describes the materials and underlying questions used to engage students in critical thinking (**limit**: 4 pages)