

# THE NATIONAL HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**The National History Teacher of the Year Award**, a \$10,000 annual prize, recognizes outstanding American history teachers from elementary through high school. Fifty-three winners from each state, the District of Columbia, US Territories, and the Department of Defense receive a \$1,000 award and an archive of books and historical resources presented to their school library. From these fifty-three winners, one is recognized as the National History Teacher of the Year. The award is co-sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, HISTORY® (History Channel), and Preserve America.

## Nomination Process

- Submit the name and email of an outstanding teacher at [www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy)
- Nominations of K–12 teachers accepted throughout the year
- Nominations can be made by a student, parent, colleague, principal or school administrator familiar with the teacher's work

## Eligibility for Selection

One winner will be chosen from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, US Territories, and Department of Defense schools. All nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- At least three years of classroom teaching experience
- A demonstrated commitment to teaching American history
- Evidence of creativity and innovation in the classroom
- Effective use of documents, artifacts, historic sites, oral histories, and other primary resources to engage students with American history

**Elementary school teachers (K–6) and middle and high school teachers (7–12) will be considered in separate categories, in alternate years.**

**State winners are announced in May.**

**The National History Teacher of the Year is announced in early fall.**

Past keynote speakers at the award ceremony have included **former First Lady Laura Bush, the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.**

**The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** is a nonprofit organization supporting the study and love of American history. Its programs, which have received awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Organization of American Historians, reach teachers and students in all 50 states and abroad.



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