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Hilda Taba Award

Purpose The Taba Award was named for Hilda Taba, a university professor at San Francisco State University who significantly influenced education and is internationally renowned for her work in “concept development” in the social studies. The Taba Award is CCSS’s highest honor, and is awarded to a California man or woman who has made a significant contribution to social studies education in California.

Nomination Process Nominations may be submitted by a CCSS member, a CCSS local council or a CCSS member working in a statewide organization/institution.

Membership Status

- CCSS membership is preferred but is not required.
- Not an elected member of the CCSS Executive Committee at the time of the nomination.
- Not a member of the Selection Committee at the time of the nomination.

Criteria Nominee has made a professional contribution to social studies education in California which has significantly influenced the field over time. Nominee’s contribution(s) might include:

1. A leadership role in the establishment of an activity or organization that has had a demonstrably significant impact on social studies education.
2. Involvement in a policy-making situation that has had a beneficial and significant influence on social studies education.
3. The collection and dissemination of original research which has substantiated effective instructional practices in social studies education, or which has led to innovation in social studies education.
4. A distinguished career in teaching, teacher education, curriculum development and/or assessment in the area of social studies education.

Award Each award recipient will receive:

- A plaque
- A complimentary registration at the “Award Year” Conference
- The winner may present a showcase session during the “Award Year” Conference

Selection Process

1. The selection committee will consist of current members of the Professional Standards Committee, an Executive Committee Member/Board Member and may include a past recipient of the award.
2. Selection committee members will have no conflict of interest with award nominees.

Required Documentation

It is the responsibility of the nominator to provide all nomination materials.

1. A vita or professional resume
2. A narrative statement, which details the nature of the nominee's outstanding contribution and scope of influence.
3. Two letters of support, one from a CCSS Past President and one from any active member on the CCSS Board of Directors, or from any active member on the Board of a CCSS local affiliated council.
4. Two letters of recommendation which describe the career contributions of the nominee and the scope of influence of the contribution(s) to social studies education.
5. Application Cover Sheet
6. Maximum of 100 word biographical statement to be used in the conference program
7. Headshot photo of nominee to be used in the conference program

Submission of Nomination Applications and Required Materials

Complete applications with all required materials are due to CCSS no later than 11:59pm on **December 1st**. Application materials will NOT be returned. Please retain a copy for your records. Applications and materials submitted via email must be sent to info@ccss.org.

Only complete applications will be considered.