



## Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**Subject: Message #191: National History Teacher of the Year Award**

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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary  
Education Curriculum Support Unit**

Dear Arkansas Educators,

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History announces the 2021 National History Teacher of the Year Award, which recognizes outstanding K-12 history teachers across the country. Started in 2004, the national award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. A winner from every state, in addition to a national winner, will be chosen from among both generalist and specialist teacher nominees. Any full-time educator of grades K-12 who teaches American history (including state and local history) is eligible for consideration. American history may be taught as an individual subject or as part of other subjects, such as social studies, reading, or language arts.

State winners of the History Teacher of the Year award receive: a \$1,000 prize, a certificate of recognition, an exclusive invitation to a 2021 Teacher Seminar, an archive of materials for their classrooms, and a ceremony in their honor held in their state. In addition, the National History Teacher of the Year awardee will receive a \$10,000 award and a trip to the national award ceremony. Each winner's school will become a Gilder Lehrman Affiliate School. Winners are honored in a ceremony in their state.

All teachers must be nominated on the Gilder Lehrman website at <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/national-history-teacher-year-nomination>. Nominations can be made by a student, parent, colleague, principal, or other administrator familiar with the teacher's work. Nominate a teacher today! The deadline for 2021 nominations is April 30, 2021, and the deadline for 2021 nominees to submit supporting materials is May 30, 2021. More information on the award is available at <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/national-history-teacher-year/eligibility>

*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*

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