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SOCIETY SEEKS NOMINATION FOR TEACHER AWARD

Deadline for submission: January 15, 2027

Do you know an outstanding history or social studies teacher in Illinois? The ISHS Educational Services committee and the Awards Committee seek nominations for the Olive Foster Outstanding Teacher Award. This award honors Olive Foster, former Illinois State Historian, Director of the School Services Program, and originator of the Illinois History Program for students. The annual award is designed to recognize and reward a full-time teacher for outstanding contributions to the study and teaching of state and local history. Recipients of this award actively promote Illinois history in schools as well as in their local communities, using the resources of one or more local historical societies, museums, the ISHS, and other Illinois-based historical organizations.

Documentation of the teacher's work is required. A $1,000 award will be given in 2025 to an Illinois teacher from one of the following categories:

(1) Elementary school level

(2) Middle-junior high school level

(3) High school level

The award will be presented at the Illinois State Historical Society's Annual Awards luncheon in 2027. Nominations may be made by any group or person, including the nominee, and should also include letters of support or recommendation. You may return the application by regular mail to the above address or email to: Kimberly Jones at kim.jones@historyillinois.org

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Submission must be postmarked or emailed by January 15, 2027

Nominee First Name:_____ **Last Name:**_____

Name of School: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address (city,state,zip):_____
(nominee)

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Teaching: Grade:_____ Subject:_____ School:_____

Principal-Name: _____

School Address: _____

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Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nominator First Name:_____ **Last Name:**_____

Address:_____

_____

Email Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Name of local newspaper:_____

Address:_____

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Email Address or Website: _____

Nominee Educational Experience:

Nominee Professional Experience:

Nominee Outstanding Classroom Accomplishments:

Please use additional paper if necessary. Digital supporting documentation (e.g., YouTube videos of the teacher teaching, students' projects, etc.) will also be accepted.