



The Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award recognizes outstanding NHD teachers. Two state winners, one at both the junior level and senior level, will be selected from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Schools, International Schools-Asia and the U.S. territories. The winners of the national awards will be selected from among the state awardees. Each state winner will be awarded \$500.00 and the national winners will receive \$10,000.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, a teacher must be a participant in the National History Day program with and be nominated by the state History Day coordinator. The evaluation criteria are as follows:

Development and use of creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past. Examples could include:

- Active learning projects, such as mock debates or oral history projects;
- Innovative use of primary sources;
- Integrated communication technology in history research and classroom learning;
- Teaching methods which link history to students' broader interests (e.g., using interdisciplinary approaches to historical topics or by developing projects which link history to current events, debates, and issues); or
- The use of teaching methods which build a range of skills in students as they study history.

Exemplary commitment to helping students develop their interest in history and recognize their achievements. Examples could include:

- Exemplary support and guidance for students working on History Day projects;
- Assistance in helping students showcase their history projects within the community and/or publish their material;
- Overall commitment to the intellectual development of individual students; or
- Encouragement of students to use their understanding of history to become engaged, informed citizens in their community and beyond.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. Interested teachers should contact their state History Day coordinator.
2. The state coordinator will select the State History Day Teacher of the Year and write a letter of nomination for that person. In addition, the nominee should provide the state coordinator with two (2) letters of recommendation in support of the nomination. The letters should address the criteria provided above and be written by those who know the nominee well and can give specific examples of excellence in history teaching.
3. The teacher nominee will submit a testimonial about the impact of the NHD program on a class or an individual student. The testimonial letter should address aspects, such as; the teacher's role in a NHD classroom and the immediate and long term impact on the student(s)' academic or social growth. Include within the letter a description of a lesson or a series of lessons which address creative teaching as defined in the eligibility criteria.
4. The state coordinator will submit the nomination packet, including
 - The completed coversheet with contact information
 - The state coordinator's letter of nomination
 - A current resume of the nominee
 - Testimonial from the nominee
 - Two letters of recommendation/support for the nominee

NOMINATION COVER SHEET
THE PATRICIA BEHRING AWARD

Nominations due by: May 1, 2012

Electronically submit all information to: state coordinator for the state award and Ann Claunch ann@nhd.org for the national award.

1. Name of Nominee _____

2. Mailing Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

3. School Name _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

4. E-mail Address (home is preferred) _____

5. Telephone Numbers:

Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

6. How many years has the nominee participated in NHD? _____

7. What grade level(s) and subject(s) does the nominee currently teach?

Please attach to this cover sheet

1. Testimonial (1-3 pages)
2. Resume of nominee (1 page)
3. A recommendation from an immediate supervisor or a district/state coordinator or a parent
4. Two recommendation letters