



**Nomination Form**  
**Mel Miller Outstanding Social Studies Leader Award**  
**Due Date August 15, 2021**

The NSSSA Board of Directors established the Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor Award to recognize members who best exemplify the qualities of leadership expressed in the NSSSA Position Statement on the Role of the Social Studies Supervisor. The first award was conferred in 1993.

Following his death in September of 2006, the Board of Directors voted to rename the award to honor Mel Miller. A social studies supervisor from Michigan, Mel Miller was a dedicated member of NSSSA and the Board of Directors who contributed immeasurably to the organization. The name was also modified to reflect that NSSSA members are leaders who hold many different titles. The first Mel Miller Outstanding Social Studies Leader Award was presented in November of 2007.

**Qualifications**

The Mel Miller Outstanding Social Studies Leader Award shall be awarded to the individual who best exemplifies the leadership qualities of a social studies professional. The nominee need not hold a supervisory title, but should demonstrate leadership qualities as outlined below:

- Be a current NSSSA member.
- Actively involved in improving classroom instruction.
- Advocates for K-12 social studies education.
- Assists social studies teachers in matters of content, curriculum, resources, and/or teaching methods.
- Assists local schools or districts in obtaining resources for program improvement.
- Assists in the creation of curriculum guides and/or instructional units.
- Assists in the evaluation and/or the acquisition of instructional materials.
- Partners with local community resources to enhance social studies instruction.
- Supports professional learning opportunities utilizing local, state, and/or national organizations.

**Each nomination packet should address the qualifications above and include the following:**

- Responses to the required items in this [form](#) . (Contact information & professional affiliation of nominator & nominee. Nominees can be self nominated.)
- Description of 250 words or less explaining why the candidate is being nominated. Upload at the end of form or email to [chriselnicki@gmail.com](mailto:chriselnicki@gmail.com)
- Vita of nominee: education, positions held, professional memberships, and activities. Upload at the end of this form or email to [chriselnicki@gmail.com](mailto:chriselnicki@gmail.com)
- Support materials (maximum 5 pages) which may include letters of support from others (administrators, professional acquaintances, students, parents, etc.), newspaper articles, & miscellaneous information which will help the selection committee better know the nominee. Upload at the end of form or email to [chriselnicki@gmail.com](mailto:chriselnicki@gmail.com)
- Once again, link to nomination form is <https://forms.gle/kLiq5JS8QLaG74rn6>
- Send questions to [chriselnicki@gmail.com](mailto:chriselnicki@gmail.com)