



## Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award



### **Description:**

The Patricia Behring New York State Teacher of the Year Award recognizes two outstanding National History Day (NHD) teachers at the state level, one in the junior division and one in the senior division. Each state winner will receive a \$500.00 stipend. The affiliate coordinator will recommend the state winners to National History Day for consideration for the National Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award to be presented at the national contest in June.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

Eligible teachers must have students participating in the National History Day contest (regional or state) during the current contest year. All nominees need to be a full-time teacher or librarian in a public, private, parochial, or homeschool setting.

The evaluation criteria are as follows:

1. Dedication to the National History Day program
  - a) Inclusion of project-based learning through the National History Day contest in the classroom
  - b) Commitment to working with students on NHD projects over multiple years in an academic or extracurricular setting
  - c) Assisting students to showcase work at local, affiliate, or national level(s)—*students do not need to advance to the national or affiliate levels for the teacher to be eligible*
2. Promoting inspired and creative teaching methods regarding the instruction of history
  - a) Use of primary sources in the classroom
  - b) Implementation of active learning strategies to engage students and promote historical thinking skills

### **Nomination Process:**

Students, parents, school administrators, regional coordinators, and teachers may submit nominations. Send an email indicating why you believe your teacher should be considered for the 2021 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award to:

[nyshd@nhd.org](mailto:nyshd@nhd.org)

**Deadline: January 22, 2021**

Be sure to include the teacher's name, school name, and grade level in your nomination. Thank you!