

BULLETIN - APPLICATION EXTENDED

DUE DATE: Friday, March 20, 2020

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THE HINES AND SANFORD FAMILIES' RECOGNITION AWARD for Study and Research in The African Experience in New York State, the Americas, and the Diaspora

Each application package submitted by the candidate(s) must include the following:

The nominee can be an individual or a group.

1. Nomination application form (attached);
2. A letter from the nominator, two reference letters (one from nominee's immediate supervisor) recommending the nominee;
3. Documentation that supports the criteria outlined in the application.

All candidate submissions of the application package must be mailed to the following address by Friday, March 20, 2020:

Office of Hines-Sanford Award
The University of the State of New York - Regents Research Fund
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose:

The Hines and Sanford Families' Recognition Award for Study and Research in The African Experience in New York State, the Americas, and the Diaspora will provide for the annual recognition of a school/district P-12 educators who have made outstanding contributions to New York State education in presenting and interpreting African and African Diaspora history and culture. This award provides for travel reimbursement to attend a meeting of the Board of Regents in Albany, New York. Funding for the recognition and reimbursement is made possible by a gift from Adelaide L. Hines Sanford, Vice Chancellor Emerita, New York State Board of Regents, University of the State of New York.

Framework:

It is expected that curriculum, lessons, and materials will be academically rigorous to ensure that learning about Africans and African Americans will facilitate respect, understanding, and appreciation of African Americans in American and World History. Additionally, the quest for freedom, justice, and equality, which has characterized much of the Black experience in America, will constitute a framework for major themes that will:

- Correct past omissions and inaccuracies;
- Supplement information which is lacking in many textbooks;
- Remind educators that African American history is American history;
- Extend the teaching of African American history to include the entire school year;
- Provide easy access to user friendly units of instruction that may include school level curriculum, scope & sequence, lesson plans, and samples of student work products (standards for appropriate citations and sources must be followed);
- Serve as a resource to obtain accurate information about the contributions of people of African descent to the social, economic, intellectual, artistic, scientific, and historical development of America and the world; and
- Develop a greater awareness of the nation's policies and practices during the pre and post periods of America's enslavement of Africans.

2. DEADLINE DATE

The Hines and Sanford Families' Recognition application forms must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.

Candidate(s) submission:

- A short biography or resume, including a chronological listing of activities (e.g., classes, workshops, presentations, exhibits, etc.);
- Description of one or more of the following: an outstanding curriculum module, instructional strategy, teacher made material(s), lesson plan(s), etc.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Award Criteria: The nominee's work related to the teaching of African American history will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Activities in K-12 schools, including courses taught, extracurricular activities for students or activities outside of school, such as professional development workshops, presentations, exhibits, etc. which have benefited P-12 school staff and students.
- Total number of students, and/or staff reached through both in school and out of school activities. Impact of work on students, the local community, professionals and others.

Award documentation must be provided that supports the criteria listed above.

Documentation must include:

- Application form submitted by candidate(s);
- A letter of nomination, summarizing the nominee's contributions; and
- At least 2 other letters of recommendation (one from the applicant's immediate supervisor) in addition to the letter of nomination. Letters must document nominee's experience in interpreting Africa and African Diaspora history and culture (including number of teachers/students influenced);
- Description of in-school activity (i.e., curriculum module(s), instructional materials, lessons, etc.) including number of teachers/students influenced; or a description of activity outside of school including the number of people involved;
- Example of materials developed and/or published (**All materials must specifically document how they adhere to the established framework identified in the General Information section of this application**);
- Media reports of activities, if any; and

- Letters received from students, parents, and/or colleagues, etc. regarding activities.

Evaluation of the application package:

NYSED Program Office will establish a committee of experts to evaluate applications and list evidence that each applicant meets the minimum criteria. Once the applicants who meet the minimum criteria are determined, the committee will evaluate applications (Award Criteria, Award Documentation, and Candidate Submission sections). The NYSED Program Office Committee will recommend finalists to the Selection Committee (Interim Commissioner and/or designee and Co-Chairs of P-12) for the final review and selection).

All candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for one year before the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year. To qualify as legal residents, candidates must maintain an actual residence in New York State and consider New York State their permanent home.

4. APPLICATION PACKAGE

Each application package must include the nomination application form, a letter from the nominator, two reference letters (one from nominee's immediate supervisor) recommending the nominee, and documentation that supports the criteria outlined above. All candidates must submit the application package to:

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5. AWARD and RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURES

Award winner(s) will be notified in late Spring 2020. Their name(s) will remain confidential until an award ceremony.