

## Gold Star/Silver Star Survey Questions

Thank you for seeking recognition as a National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Gold Star or Silver Star Council!

To be eligible for Gold Star or Silver Star Council recognition, your council must be affiliated with NCSS. Have you completed and submitted your annual [Survey Affiliation Form for Affiliated Councils?](#)

- Yes
- No

### Section 1: Governance and Operations

1. Please attach an updated copy of your governance documents (constitution, bylaws, policies). Your documents should be aligned to the overall vision, mission, and strategic plan of NCSS.
2. Is the content on your website up to date? (Your website will be reviewed.)
  - Yes
  - NoPlease upload your council's logo here for NCSS to share on its website.
3. Does your website display the NCSS Affiliated Council logo? You can download the logo [here](#).
  - Yes
  - No
4. What is your council's operational budget for the most recent fiscal year?
  - We do not have an operational budget.
  - Our annual budget is \$10,000 or less.
  - Our annual budget is \$10,001 to \$50,000.
  - Our annual budget is \$50,001 to \$100,000.
  - Our annual budget is greater than \$100,000.
5. Have you made a commitment to philanthropy in the social studies? (Check all that apply)
  - Yes, we contribute funds to organizations which support our mission.
  - Yes, we solicit funds from donors and sponsors to support our mission.
  - We are developing a plan for fundraising and giving.
  - No, we do not have a current plan for philanthropy.
  - List a sample of organizations you contribute to, and/or donors and sponsors you receive funds from.

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6. How often does your council membership meet?

- We do not meet regularly.
- We meet at least monthly on average.
- We meet at least quarterly on average.
- We meet at least 1-2 times a year on average.

7. List meeting dates here for the period between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, using this format: MM/DD/YY

8. What date (MM/DD/YY) did you hold your last election for officers?

9. How regularly do you communicate with your members?

- Once a Year (Annual Conference)
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- We do not regularly communicate with our members.

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## Section 2: Programming & Professional Development

1. Did you host an annual conference between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023?

- Yes
- No

2. Did your conference attendance increase from the previous year, and did your conference revenue exceed your budget?

- Yes, our attendance increased, and our revenue exceeded the budget.
- Our attendance increased, but our revenue did not exceed the budget.
- Our attendance decreased, but our revenue exceeded the budget.
- No, our attendance decreased, and our revenue did not exceed the budget.

3. Have you hosted at least two additional activities to promote the social studies separately from your Annual Conference between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? Check all that apply and insert the event name(s) and date(s) hosted.

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- Workshop
  - Webinar
  - Special event
  - Information about NCSS awards and grants application opportunities shared with members
  - Individuals nominated for NCSS national awards
  - Other activity
- List names of all events and dates hosted.

4. Have any of your officers participated in at least two of the following NCSS programs between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? Select all that apply.

- House of Delegates Assembly
- Leadership Forum Webinar Series
- Summer Institutes
- Webinars
- Joint Membership Program
- Summer Leadership Institute
- Other NCSS Programming (please describe below)

5. Have you honored educators in your region at multiple levels between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? For example, did you give a “horizon award” for early career educators, or a “teacher of the year” award?

- No, we have not.
- Yes, we have.
- If yes, please describe how.

6. Have you hosted specific programming that is representative of your membership and state or region between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? Please check all that apply.

- Conferences or workshops.
- Newsletters or journals.
- Awards programs.
- Outreach program to increase membership of underrepresented groups.

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- Other professional programs.
  - No, we have not.
  - If yes, please describe it.
7. Do you provide networking opportunities for social studies professionals in your area?
- No, we do not provide networking opportunities for our membership.
  - Yes, we provide networking opportunities for our membership.
  - If yes, please describe these opportunities.

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### Section 3: Social Studies Advocacy & Leadership

1. Have you actively participated in social studies legislative advocacy efforts in your region or state?
- Yes, we have.
  - No, we have not.
  - If yes, please describe these efforts.
2. If yes, what of these activities have you done between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? Check all that apply.
- Responded to calls for legislative action sent out by NCSS.
  - Disseminated calls for legislative action to council members, developing and/or strengthening relationship with legislators at the state and federal levels (through home state/district or DC visits, communications, etc.).
  - Appointed a legislative liaison within our leadership structure to keep up with legislative actions at the state or regional level and be NCSS's main point of contact on federal level advocacy efforts.
  - Developed a council legislative advocacy plan.
3. Please describe this work.
4. Have you worked with a social studies related organization within your region or state with a similar mission?
- No, we have not.

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- Yes, we have.
  - If yes, name the organization and describe the work and its impact.
5. Has someone within your membership served on an NCSS Operations Committee, NCSS Task Force, or other NCSS leadership role between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023?
- No one served from our council.
  - Yes, someone served from our council.
  - If yes, who served and in what capacity?
6. Has your council served as a mentor council to other affiliated councils?
- No, we have not.
  - Yes, we have.
  - If yes, please share which affiliated council you assisted and in what capacity.
7. Have you donated to any of the following funds for NCSS?
- No, we have not donated to the following funds
  - Yes, we have donated to the following funds. (Check all that apply.)
    - Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award Fund
    - FASSE (general contribution)
    - First-Timer Scholarship Fund
    - Rho Kappa Scholarship Fund
    - Total Amount Contributed
8. Did your council's leadership present at one of the following NCSS programs between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023? (Check all that apply.)
- Annual Conference
  - Summer Leadership Institute
  - Leadership Forum Webinar
  - Other Webinar or Online Event
  - Other Program
9. If applicable, please describe how your leader participated.

10. Did your council promote NCSS and other affiliated council events to your membership?

- Yes, we did.
  - No, we did not.
  - If yes, please check all events promoted.
    - NCSS Annual Conference
    - NCSS Webinars
    - NCSS Summer Leadership Institute
    - NCSS Summer Institutes
    - Other NCSS programming/events (Please explain.)
    - Other Affiliated Council Annual Conferences
    - Other Affiliated Council Webinars and/or Programs
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#### **Section 4: Membership, Diversity, Inclusion and Recruitment**

1. Are 100% of your officers active NCSS members right now?

- Yes
- No

2. Have you shown an increase in membership between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, including in your number of joint members with NCSS?

- Yes
- No

3. Are you signed-up for NCSS joint membership?

- Yes
- No

4. How much has your membership increased in one fiscal year? Please explain. (NCSS will provide your current joint membership numbers on your behalf for this question. You do not have to provide this count in your explanation.)

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5. Please attach a copy of your membership plan for increasing membership in your region or state, plus membership of underrepresented groups in your council. If you do not have a plan, tell us how you plan to achieve these efforts.
6. How have you recruited teacher candidates and increased incentives for in-service educators to participate, engage, and mentor colleagues?
7. How have you demonstrated a commitment to recruiting diverse membership and council leadership?

Thank you for submitting your application for recognition as an NCSS Gold Star or Silver Star Council! Your application has been received. All winners will be announced at the 67<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates Assembly (NCSS annual business meeting) at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Friday, December 1, 2023.