



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS--CURRICULUM

**2017 AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CITIZENSHIP STUDENT
NOMINATION FORM**

PART 1-STUDENT INFORMATION: To be completed by principal or principal's designee

STUDENT NAME	STUDENT EMAIL	NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	
STUDENT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

DISTRICT INFORMATION: To be completed by principal or principal's designee

DISTRICT NAME	COUNTY/DISTRICT CODE	DISTRICT ADDRESS	
SUPERINTENDENT NAME	PRINCIPAL NAME	PRINCIPAL PHONE NUMBER	PRINCIPAL EMAIL

TEACHER/SPONSOR INFORMATION: To be completed by a faculty member who has taught the nominee in one or more courses in government and/or civics or a faculty member who has served as a sponsor in a government and/or civics-related extracurricular activity.

TEACHER/SPONSOR NAME	TEACHER/SPONSOR POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS
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DIRECTIONS AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

This nomination form must be submitted electronically:

- Send the form from an official school email address and include the student essay (part 5) to curriculum@dese.mo.gov
- Questions: Contact Dixie Grupe at dixie.grupe@dese.mo.gov; 573-751-0398
- **Deadline: February 15, 2017.** Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

You, the nominating principal, agree that the information included in this nomination packet is accurate and reflects your belief that the nominee is the one student in your high school best qualified to receive the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship. If this nominee receives an award, you or a member of the faculty will accompany the student to the awards banquet. All costs for travel to and from the banquet will be the responsibility of the school or school district.

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Senate Bill 198, passed in 1989 by the Missouri General Assembly, revised Missouri law (section 170.011, RSMo) pertaining to the teaching of the federal and state constitutions and U.S. history and institutions in the state's public and private schools. The law included a number of new provisions, one of which established a special award for outstanding achievement in citizenship. The wording of that portion of the law is as follows: *In the 1990-91 school year and each year thereafter, each school district maintaining a high school may annually nominate to the state board of education a student who has demonstrated knowledge of the principles of government and citizenship through academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and service to the community. Annually, the state board of education shall select fifteen students from those nominated by the local school districts and shall recognize and award them for their academic achievement, participation and service. Students will also be recognized on the American Bar Association's Civics and Law Honor Roll for their commitment to civic learning and engagement.*

- **Who Is Eligible to Receive the Award?**

The State Board of Education (Board) will select 15 public high school students to receive the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship. To be eligible for consideration, a student must be a student in a public high school and the school's only nominee for the award. In districts with more than one high school, each high school may nominate one student for the award.

- **Who Will Select the Winners?**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will appoint committee to review nominations and recommend 15 outstanding students for the award. The committee may include representatives of the Missouri Bar Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education, the Missouri Council for the Social Studies, the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, the Board and DESE. Candidates will be evaluated on a 55-point scale. The nomination form details how points will be awarded.

- **What Are the Criteria for Receiving the Award?**

Senate Bill 198 provides that a student must have "demonstrated knowledge of the principles of government and citizenship through academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and service to the community." Based on these guidelines, the Board has established the following criteria to be used in selecting students for the award:

1. **Academic Achievement (Evidence Must Be Submitted)**

- 1.1 To indicate that the student has earned excellent grades in all high school courses taken that pertain to government and citizenship.
- 1.2 To indicate that the student chose to take one of more high-level, challenging courses in government and/or citizenship.
- 1.3. An essay on outstanding citizenship must be submitted for evaluation by the review committee to ascertain that the student can thoughtfully articulate his/her ideas pertaining to government, civics, or some major societal issue.

2. **Extracurricular Activities (Evidence Must Be Submitted)**

- 2.1 To indicate that the student has participated in extracurricular activities that relate to government, public policy issues, and/or community affairs. Such activities may include, but should not be limited to, student government.
- 2.2. To indicate that the student has served in a leadership role in one or more of those organizations.

3. **Community Service (Evidence Must Be Submitted of at least six hours)**

- 3.1. To indicate that the student has chosen to involve himself/herself in service to the community.
- 3.2. To indicate that the student has served in a leadership role in one or more of those activities.

- **What Are the Benefits for Winners?**

Recipients of the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship will be invited to attend a luncheon in Jefferson City, where the Board and other state leaders will honor them. Winners may also place on their resumes that they were recipients of the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship.

- **Who May Nominate Students?**

High school principals, with the advice of their faculties, may nominate a student for this award from each school.

- **Other District Responsibilities**

Each high school or school district with a winning student will be responsible for selecting a faculty member to accompany the student to the awards luncheon. The student's parents also will be invited to attend. All travel costs to and from the luncheon will need to be borne by the district or from local sources. Luncheon costs for the award winner, the faculty member, and the parents will be borne by the state, through a generous gift from the Missouri Bar Foundation.

- **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Please contact Dixie Grupe, Social Studies Director at dixie.grupe@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-0398.

PART 2A—EVIDENCE OF HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT/CIVICS: To be completed by principal or principal's designee. (10 points maximum)

1. List courses the nominee has completed or is taking that are **clearly government – and/or civics-related** and the grades earned. Use an asterisk to indicate courses the student is taking now, and list the grades the student is currently earning. These can include AP, dual credit courses, comparative government, and world government courses.

Course	Grade Earned
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	
E.	

2. Which of the courses listed above are considered high-level, challenging, elective courses?

PART 2B– ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: To be completed by principal or principal's designee. (10 points maximum)

1. List government or civics-related extracurricular activities (i.e. those pertaining to student government in the community, politics, public policy issues, and/or community affairs) in which the student has been in a leadership position.

Activity and Grade Level(s)	Position	Elected	Appointed
A.			
B.			
C.			
D.			
E.			

2. How has the student distinguished himself/herself in those government or civics extracurricular school activities to merit the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship?

PART 3 – FACULTY ENDORSEMENT: To be completed by a faculty member who has taught the nominee in one or more courses in government and/or civics or who has served as a sponsor in a government or civics-related extra-curricular activity. (Be sure to address all four questions in your endorsement; two faculty members may sign the endorsement. Answers may be included in each box or in an attached letter of support.) (10 points possible)

1. What has been your contact with the nominee relating to his or her academic achievement in government and/or civics?

2. With specific examples, tell why you believe this student's academic achievement in government/civics courses has been outstanding and shows that he/she merits the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship.

3. What has been your contact with the nominee relating to his or her achievements in government and/or civics-related extracurricular activities?

4. With specific examples, tell why you believe this student's participation in government/civics-related extracurricular activities has been so outstanding that he/she merits the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship.

PART 4 – ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE: To be completed by principal or principal's designee, a faculty member or a community member. (10 points maximum)

1. Name the most important examples of community service carried out by the nominee.

2. How has the student distinguished himself/herself in community service activities to merit the Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship? What are the challenges faced by the student in doing community service? Provide descriptions of the student's leadership positions in such activities.

PART 5–STUDENT ESSAY: To be completed by the student and submitted by the principal as part of the application packet. (20 points maximum)

DIRECTIONS:

Write a thoughtful, 3-5 page essay which addresses the following prompt:

Describe and analyze an individual who exemplifies effective, quality citizenship.

Your essay will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Does the essay describe and analyze the concept of “effective, quality citizenship?”
2. Does the essay use accurate, concrete, developed examples?
3. Does the essay use those examples to support the analysis of “effective, quality citizenship”?
4. Does the essay communicate effectively using standard writing conventions?
5. Does the essay follow standard formatting: double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins?

Note: You may use a historical or contemporary individual as your example or you may use someone from your personal background. However, be sure your essay reflects your ideas about “effective, quality citizenship”, and is not a simple biographical report. Number and put your name on each page of your essay. Attach your typed essay before your principal submits the completed application.