



Amistad Commission's Exemplary Administrator/Supervisor Award

The Amistad Commission's Exemplary Award Program was codified by the New Jersey Legislature and signed into law by Governor Phil Murphy on August 31, 2021. The Award is designed to promote teaching the Amistad curriculum in New Jersey schools, enhance the social studies literacy of students, and encourage the infusion of African American history into the social studies curriculum.

The intent of the award is to recognize and acknowledge the leadership of an exemplary **New Jersey school administrator/supervisor**, who has shown commitment to supporting staff members with professional and technical assistance on the implementation of the Amistad Law. Specifically, on the supervision of educators providing instruction for students on the African slave trade, slavery in America, the vestiges of slavery in this country, and the contributions of African Americans to the development of America.

The Commission invites all New Jersey schools (districts, charters, and renaissances) to submit nominees of a supervisor/administrator who has been instrumental in the implementation of the Amistad Law.

Eligibility:

New Jersey public school superintendents, administrators/supervisors, including administrators in charter or renaissance schools. Administrators and Supervisors may nominate themselves.

THE AWARD PROCESS

STEP 1: Nomination

ANYONE—district leaders, principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the public—may nominate exceptional an administrator. Administrators may nominate themselves. All submissions must include the administrator's full name, telephone number, email address, school and district information.

Documentation:

Each nominee must submit:

- Summary of accomplishments within the 2025/2026 school year that provide evidence of infusion of the contributions of Africans and African Americans in the context of American History courses in Social Studies, World History, and other disciplines (Visual or Performing Arts, Language Arts Literacy, Science, World Languages, Math, etc.).



- Documentation building level programs, teacher professional development, teachers/student's lessons, work, projects or building level programs incorporating Black History including Black diasporic history.
- At least three letters of support from building/district staff members in instructional roles.

The deadline to submit a nomination [form](#) and supporting materials is **June 18th, 2026**

Form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/r/b2VXudsd1U>

STEP 2: Selection

All applications will be reviewed by a state-level committee to determine which applicants best exemplify excellence in implementing the Amistad Law.

The award will be presented at the 2026 Amistad Commission's Summer Institute in Kean University.

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