

# Oregon-California Trails Association

## 2008



### *Outstanding Educator Award*



The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), a national organization founded in 1982 dedicated to the study, preservation, interpretation, appreciation, and enjoyment of the western pioneer trails, announces it is now accepting nominations/applications for its award program to recognize outstanding achievement in educating students of various ages and abilities about the westward migration. The awards will be presented at OCTA's annual recognition program that will be held Wednesday evening, August 6, 2008 in Nampa, Idaho.

Nominations for the Outstanding Educator Award are open to any individual and/or group of educators or institution that contributes significantly to students' education about the 19<sup>th</sup> century westward overland migrations in the United States. The work may reflect a whole unit or special project within a unit or a course on westward migration. It will be considered for its unique or imaginative approach "above and beyond" the normal teaching of the topic, its appropriateness for the students' level and range of abilities, the accuracy of its historical presentation, the range of student participation, and its effectiveness in presenting the topic to the students. The work that the recipients will be honored for must have been used during either the 2006-2007 or the 2007-2008 school year.

The five category levels for this award are:

- 1) Elementary - primary/intermediate grades
- 2) Middle school/Junior high
- 3) High school
- 4) Post secondary – college, university, adult education
- 5) Museum/institution

The recipients will be recognized at the annual OCTA convention and receive a framed certificate and an honorarium of \$250.00. In addition, they will receive their convention registration and room and board for the day of the awards dinner.

For forms and additional information about this award and the nomination process, please contact:

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The deadline for applications is March 31, 2008. Recipients should be notified by June 2008.