

NEH LANDMARKS OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE SUMMER TEACHER WORKSHOP**Frequently Asked Questions****Who is eligible for the Summer Teacher Workshops?**

The program is open to public, private and home-school teachers as well as other school personnel. Teachers and administrators from all levels and disciplines may apply, but preference will be given to teachers who incorporate American history themes and civics in their classrooms. Please consult the grade level recommendations posted at www.constitutioncenter.org/summer.

Are teachers in foreign schools allowed to apply?

Teachers at schools in the United States or its territorial possessions or Americans teaching in foreign schools where at least 50 percent of the students are American nationals are eligible for this program. Applicants must be United States citizens, residents of U.S. jurisdictions, or foreign nationals who have been residing in the United States or its territories for at least the three years immediately preceding the application deadline. Foreign nationals teaching abroad at non-U.S. chartered institutions are not eligible to apply. Click [here](#) for more information.

Are teachers from the same school or institution allowed to apply to the Workshops?

Yes.

How will applicants be selected?

All applications will be read by a selection committee, comprised of the National Constitution Center's Education staff and members of the Workshop's faculty. The committee will be looking for applications that demonstrate a genuine passion for the teaching of the United States Constitution and the applicability of the content presented in the Workshop to your classroom.

What is the stipend and what does it pay for?

A **\$1,200** stipend is provided to help cover the cost of housing, travel, and other costs you may incur at the Workshop. The National Constitution Center will provide coffee every morning and a group dinner on Thursday evening.

When is the \$1,200 stipend given out?

The stipend will be given out in two separate installments. The first part of the stipend consists of \$1,000 and will be given out at the *completion* of the last session of the Workshop. The remaining \$200 will be mailed to you upon submission of your completed lesson plan or activity.

What about travel costs?

The \$1,200 stipend is intended to help cover the cost of travel to the Workshop.

When will I be notified whether or not I have been selected?

You will be notified of selection on **April 1, 2011**.

When do I need to make a decision to participate?

You have until **April 5, 2011**, to confirm your participation.

What are my responsibilities as a participant?

The National Constitution Center expects each attendee to be an active Summer Scholar in all sessions Monday through Friday. Participants will also be required to submit a lesson plan or activity developed with content gathered at the Workshop. The final product will be submitted to the National Constitution Center within four weeks of completion of the Workshop attended.

Can I pick which Workshop week I prefer to attend?

Yes, you need to indicate on your application which week you prefer to attend.

Application information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Where will I be staying? Are rooms shared or private?

Private hotel rooms have been reserved at a local hotel. Many participants choose to share hotel rooms. Information on contacting other participants will be provided in your acceptance package.

Do I get graduate, in-service, or new teacher credit for participation?

Pennsylvania educators are eligible for Act 48 credits. Educators from other states will receive a formal letter stating the total number of professional development hours. The National Constitution Center's Education staff is happy to assist you with your state's professional development system to gain recognition of work completed.

Where do the sessions take place? If I choose to drive, will parking be available?

All Workshop sessions will take place at the National Constitution Center, located on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia. For those participants who live locally and are traveling to the Center, it is recommended that you take mass transit. Daily parking is available at the National Constitution Center's parking garage during the Center's operating hours at a discounted rate of \$9/day. Further information on directions and parking can be found [here](#) for the National Constitution Center.

What time should I arrive/depart? May I leave early?

You should plan on arriving on the Sunday prior to the start of your session. Please note, the last session of the Workshop ends at 5 pm on Friday; you should book departure travel *after* 5 pm. To receive the full stipend you must stay until the completion of the Workshop.

What should I wear?

Summers in Philadelphia are very warm and you are encouraged to dress accordingly, please keep in mind that both museums are air conditioned and at times can be quite cool. It is also important to note that many days of the Workshop involve moving and walking to historic sites, so please wear comfortable shoes.

Will I have access to the Internet?

The National Constitution Center does have a number of public access computers for your use during the Workshop, and free wireless access will be available to you throughout the building and classroom. Internet access is also available in the designated hotel.

Will I get to see Philadelphia?

During the Workshop you will have the opportunity to visit a number of sites in the area. You will have time in the evenings and the Sunday before the Workshop to explore.

Could you accommodate my family?

No, accommodations in workshop sessions are for Workshop participants only. You may bring your family to Philadelphia, BUT we do ask that they not attend sessions designated for Workshop participants. They are welcome to attend evening sessions and extra activities that may be planned.