

National Constitution Center Summer Teacher Workshops

Frequently Asked Questions

General

1. **What is a Summer Teacher Workshop?**

A Summer Teacher Workshop, much like the Summer Teacher Institutes, engages scholars from across the philosophical spectrum and educators from across the country on constitutional issues significant to students and education today. Summer Teacher Workshops are three-day professional development opportunities where educators can explore the National Constitution's exhibition spaces through virtual tours, learn from experts through online webinars, and collaborate with their colleagues in a series of classroom application sessions. Workshops also utilize the Center's master teachers to support participants' pedagogical, historical, and constitutional knowledge.

2. **Is there a cost to attend the workshop?**

There is no cost to attend the workshop, but a successful application must be submitted.

3. **What are the expectations for attendees?**

Attendees are expected to attend all of the sessions planned for the duration of the Summer Teacher Workshop. This includes lectures by scholars, classroom application sessions, tours, and any other programs scheduled. To accommodate the three-day time frame, there may be asynchronous portions of the workshop sent to participants several weeks prior to the start of their session.

4. **Can I have a schedule of events prior to the workshop to submit to my school administration?**

In order to keep the content relevant to ever changing constitutional issues, the schedule will not be finalized until late spring. After that time, the Center will be happy to share the schedule with attendees. Even at that time, however, the schedule is subject to change.

5. **What technology will be required to participate?**

The Center will use Zoom for the workshops. Participants will receive all of the necessary session links in the weeks leading up to the first day of their session. All programs will run as Zoom meetings, to allow for a higher level of engagement. It is expected that attendees will join all sessions with both Zoom audio and video enabled to support the community-building at the core of the Center's professional development programs. But, if attending scholar lecture sessions using only Zoom audio is preferred, the Center is happy to accommodate.

6. **Will portions of the Workshops be recorded?**

Tours, scholar lectures, and classroom application sessions will be recorded on Zoom and made available exclusively to attendees after the conclusion of the workshop.

7. **Can I defer my acceptance to next year?**

Your acceptance cannot be deferred. While you are encouraged to apply for the Summer Teacher Workshop again in the future, your acceptance cannot be guaranteed based on previous acceptance.

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Application and Deadlines

- 1. When is the application due?**

The application is due on Friday, February 26, 2021.
- 2. Who is eligible to apply for the workshop?**

The Constitutional Conversations and Civil Dialogue Virtual Summer Teacher Workshop is open to all educators currently teaching in grades 5-12 in any public, independent, parochial, or charter school in the United States. The Bill of Rights Virtual Summer Teacher Workshop is open exclusively to members of the Center's Teacher Advisory Council. Social Studies, English, and other Humanities teachers are welcome to apply.
- 3. Are attendees of previous Summer Teacher Institutes allowed to apply for the 2021 Summer Teacher Workshop ?**

Yes. There are four spots held each week for alumni of previous Institutes.
- 4. How long will it take to complete the application?**

The application will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- 5. Are there any other materials necessary to complete the application (i.e. letter of recommendation, resume, etc.)?**

You will not have to submit any additional materials to complete your application. Due to the large volume of applications the National Constitution Center receives for summer teacher programs, any additional materials will not be reviewed during the application process. As part of the application, there is a brief, 300-word essay about your goals for attending the Summer Teacher Workshop. The time required to answer this question has been factored into the estimated 15 minutes it will take to complete the application.
- 6. When will I be notified of the status of my application?**

You will be notified by Friday, March 26, 2021.

During the Workshop

- 1. What type of work will be necessary to prepare for the workshop?**

You will be notified of any preparatory materials—including readings, activities, and recordings—in the month leading up to the start of the workshop.
- 2. What is included in each day?**

Each day will begin with pertinent announcements and information. Programs for the day include scholarly lectures, presentations about resources from the National Constitution Center, tours of the museum, and pedagogy sessions.
- 3. Can I earn Professional Development hours for attending the workshop?**

The NCC will process Act 48 Credit for Pennsylvania-certified teachers. For educators certified in all other states, the NCC will provide documentation for submission for professional development credit.