The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.

***We the People…*The Citizen and the Constitution Summer Institute**

June 7-14, 2003
The Florida State University
Center for Professional Development
Tallahassee, Florida

Participants will receive:
Lodging, meals, materials and travel stipends provided by The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.

Free materials include:
We the People… classroom set and supplemental constitutional literature

Registration: $50.00

Open to Florida Social Studies and Law Studies teachers (6th- 12th Grades)

Goal

The goal of this professional development institute is to prepare middle school and secondary teachers to effectively implement the *We the People…* The Citizen and the Constitution curriculum. The *We the People…* program is the leading constitutional studies curriculum in the nation. The primary goal of the *We the People…* program is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nations students. The design of the instructional program, including its innovative culminating activity, makes the program successful with both teachers and students. The institute offers training for participants in constitutional content, teaching methodologies, and performance assessment.

Overview

The Florida *We the People…* Summer Institute is a rigorous, weeklong, residential professional development program focusing on the history and principles of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. Participants will take part in lectures and discussions on constitutional themes pertinent to the curriculum content, classroom methodologies, and performance assessment. An essential component of the institute will be the preparation and participation in a simulated congressional hearing as a culminating activity. National scholars will lecture daily and experienced *We the People…* teachers will mentors participants and demonstrate classroom applications.

The *We the People…* instructional program enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. At the same time, students discover the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The culminating activity is a simulated congressional hearing in which students "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Since the inception of the *We the People…* program in 1987, more than 24 million students and 75 thousand educators have participated in this innovative course of study. The program enjoys the active participation of members of Congress, as well as support from professional, business, and community organizations across the nation.

Content

Participants will receive scholarly presentations, classroom application strategies and assessment content on the following topics:

- ***What are the Historical and Philosophical Foundations of the American Political System?***
- ***How Did the Framers Create the Constitution?***
- ***How Did the Values and Principles Embodied in the Constitution Shape American Institutions and Practices?***
- ***How Have the Protections of the Bill of Rights Been Developed and Expanded?***
- ***What Rights Does the Bill of Rights Protect?***
- ***What Are the Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy?***

Florida *We the People…* Summer Institute

Participants will receive at no cost:

- Airfare or reimbursement for ground transportation to and from the institute*;
- On-campus lodging and meals;
- A library of constitutional literature;
- A set of *We the People…* texts for classroom use; and
- An institute notebook with additional materials provided by scholars and mentors.

Notes:

* Each participant driving to Tallahassee is eligible for up to a $200 travel stipend based on actual mileage to and from the institute (@ .30 per mile = 667 miles roundtrip).

Participant Requirements

Participants are required to implement the *We the People…* curriculum in their classroom during the following academic year and host a non-competitive classroom hearing or (at the high school level) participate in a competitive hearing at the district or state level.

Contact Information

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Institute Registration Form
Deadline: May 15, 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

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Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Grade Level Taught: _____ Classes Taught: _____

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Do you have the *We the People…* text? ____ YES ____ NO

Do you currently teach *We the People…*? ____ YES ____ NO

If yes, for how long?

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Medical Conditions/Allergies or Special Considerations:

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T-shirt Size: __ S __ M __ L __ XL __ XXL __ XXXL

Registration Fee: $50.00

Please return this form with a check made payable to:

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