

George Washington's
MOUNT VERNON
E S T A T E & G A R D E N S
George Washington Teachers' Institute
2009 Oklahoma Application

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Home E-Mail address _____

SCHOOL AT WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY TEACHING: _____ Public _____ Private

School District _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Work Phone () _____

School E-Mail address _____

Superintendent _____

Principal _____

Major Subject Area (if any) _____ Grade Level _____

TEACHER INSTITUTE PREFERENCE

Please Indicate your Teacher Institute preference by indicating your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices:

Grades 5-8, June 22-26, 2009 _____

Grades 3-5, July 13-16, 2009 _____

Grades 91-12, July 20-24, 2009 _____

Grades 8-12, August 3-7, 2009 _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please review all materials before completing the application. **Application packet must include three copies each:**

- I. **Candidate Information Form** (above).
- II. **A signed Letter of Application** (one double-spaced page maximum)
To achieve the greatest benefit from the program, accepted teachers must make a commitment to full participation in the program. Your application package should include a letter that describes your understanding of the physical requirements and intellectual challenges of the program and your commitment to full participation.
- III. **Resume** (two pages maximum)
 - A. List colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate dates of attendance and degrees earned.
 - B. List teaching employment history indicating dates, grade level, and subject area.
 - C. For the past five years, list leadership roles you have had, professional development presentations you have made, articles you have had published, and any training you have done for current and future teachers.
 - D. List organizations to which you belong as well as all awards and other recognition you have received for your teaching.
- IV. **Essay** (two double-spaced pages maximum)
The essay needs to describe:
 1. Your reasons for applying to the George Washington Teacher Institute
 2. How you anticipate using the information gained during the institute
 3. How this will help you students learn the appropriate *Priority Academic Student Skills* (PASS).
- V. **Two Letters of Support** (one page maximum for each letter)
Please submit two letters of support (do not include additional letters) to include a colleague letter addressing your skill, ability and experience as a teacher and a letter from either the principal or superintendent of the school/district where you are employed indicating support for your responsibilities as a teacher participant in the Institute and supporting the requirement for observation of your required in-service training (as required by donor).

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

In applying for the Institute, teachers must acknowledge and accept the following obligation:

- You agree to attend the entire Institute and actively participate in all lectures, discussions, activities, workshops, and trips planned during the Institute.
- You agree, within three months of the conclusion of the Institute, to submit to Mount Vernon one lesson plan you have written on a pre-approved topic related to George Washington that can be printed and distributed to teachers nationwide.
- You agree, after attending the Institute, to conduct at least one district-sponsored seminar for colleagues in your home district or state, sharing the information and experience you gained at the Institute and that your training session may be observed by the George Washington Oklahoma Teaching Ambassador or another person designated by Mount Vernon or your school principal (as required by the donor). After conducting the seminar, you agree to submit a report on your in-service to Mount Vernon.

PLEASE NOTE: The *George Washington Teachers' Institute* is a rigorous week of programs, tours, and workshops. Many days are 12-15 hours long. Time will be spent out-of-doors in the heat and humidity of a Virginia summer, and several tours include a great deal of walking over outdoors terrain. Teachers accepted into the program are expected to fully participate in all lectures, programs, and activities.

ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES:

Applications will be accepted from certified public and certified private schoolteachers, who teach in grades 3 -12. All subject areas will be considered for the Institute.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, March 20, 2009.

Teachers accepted for the George Washington Teacher Institute will be notified by Mount Vernon in order of the institutes beginning in mid-May 2009.

Please mail your completed application to:

Kelly S. Curtright, Director of Social Studies Education
Office of Standards and Curriculum, Suite 315
Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599

For George Washington Teacher Institute questions, please contact: education@mountvernon.org.