

*George Washington's*  
**MOUNT VERNON**  
ESTATE, MUSEUM & GARDENS

**George Washington Teachers' Institute 2012 Application (AR Teachers)**  
**Application Deadline: March 2, 2012**

The George Washington Teachers' Institute is a residential teacher professional development program focused on the life and times of George Washington, and his legacy. The institute is free of charge for teachers who are selected, and meals, residence on the Estate, and a travel stipend are provided.

**Application Instructions**

**Applications will be accepted from certified public and non-public school teachers, teaching in grades 3 -12. Please review all materials before completing the application. Please paperclip application materials – do not staple.**

**Your application packet should include:**

- Candidate Information Form**
- Participant Obligations Form, signed**
- Resume** (two pages maximum)
  - List colleges and universities attended, including post-graduate studies. Indicate dates of attendance and degrees earned.
  - List teaching employment history, indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
  - 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.
  - List organizations to which you belong as well as all awards and other recognition you have received for your teaching.
- Essay** (two double-spaced pages maximum)
  - Describe your reasons for applying to the George Washington Teachers' Institute and how you think the institute will inform your teaching and benefit your students?
- Two Letters of Support**
  - Please submit two letters of support 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.

Please email your completed application to [margaret.herrick@arkansas.gov](mailto:margaret.herrick@arkansas.gov), or mail to Maggie Herrick, Public School Program Advisor, Social Studies, Arkansas Department of Education, Curriculum & Instruction, Four State Capitol Mall, Rm. 301-B, Little Rock, AR 72201

For Teachers' Institute program questions please contact [education@mountvernon.org](mailto:education@mountvernon.org)

## Candidate Information Form

**Teachers' Institute Preference (Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th choices):**

Teacher grades 5-8 Institute (June 10-15, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers grades 3-5 Institute (June 24-June 28, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers grades 9 – 12 Institute (July 15-20, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers grades 5-8 Institute (July 29-August 3, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal E Mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**School at which you are currently teaching**      **Public** \_\_\_\_\_ **Private** \_\_\_\_\_

**School District** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**School phone** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's school email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Subject Area (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level** \_\_\_\_\_

## Participant Obligations Pledge

The George Washington Teachers' Institute is free of charge for those teachers selected to attend. The primary goal of donors who fund these educational and inspirational institutes is to increase understanding of George Washington, his legacy, and his role in the founding of our nation. Participating teachers must agree to support this goal and complete the following required obligations:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that attendance at the George Washington Teachers' Institute obligates me to the following:

- **Fully and actively participate in all institute activities**
- **In the school year following the institute, conduct at least one district- or state-sponsored teacher in-service presentation, sharing information on George Washington and the experience gained at the Institute. After conducting the seminar, I agree to submit a report on the in-service to Mount Vernon.**
- **Submit one original lesson plan related to George Washington, which can be distributed to teachers nationwide.**

I understand that by October 1, 2012 I must submit the lesson plan and either the completed in-service report or a letter signed by my principal attesting that I have scheduled the required in-service presentation. I understand that a sum of \$100 will be withheld from my travel stipend reimbursement until this date and the items mentioned are received.

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Potential Participant Signature and date