

September 2009
American Crossroads: Teaching American History on the Great Plains

A Teaching American History Grant administered by
Lakes Country Service Cooperative
In partnership with Minnesota State University Moorhead

Applicant's Last Name	First Name	Middle
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School District	School
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You are invited to take part in this exciting opportunity for social studies teachers in our region! The theme for our second year is **“Forging Freedom: 1807-1914.”**

Teachers will:

- have the chance to be a part of a professional learning community. Twenty to twenty-five teachers will be chosen each year to participate in the grant activities. Subsequently, smaller professional learning communities will be formed based on participant's location, teaching assignment, and experience. These PLCs will meet once a month.
- be invited to attend a lecture and dinner meeting with a prominent historian in the fall.
- have the opportunity to participate in two-day seminars at MSUM in the fall and spring which will include presentations by MSUM professors, historical societies, and the Gilder-Lehrman Institute.
- have the opportunity to go on a “field trip” in the summer to Chicago as part of the summer institute.
- be provided with classroom resource materials, lesson plan ideas, and links to historical documents on the internet.
- receive a stipend of \$1000 for the year.
- have the option of participating in the seminars for graduate credit for \$100 per credit.
- have the opportunity to attend a conference, potentially the state social studies convention or an AP History conference

Applicant assurances:

- Applicant currently teaches American History or a class that has American History objectives in the course curriculum.
- Applicant will commit to a one-year period, beginning in fall 2009 and ending in the summer of 2010.
- Applicant will participate in all grant activities. At this time all upcoming sessions are scheduled during the school day, but at some point they may need to include some evenings or a weekend depending on the availability of speakers. Every attempt will be made to schedule grant activities so that they do not conflict with major school events. The summer seminar sessions will be held at MSUM and will run for approximately one week. The summer institute will also include a trip to Chicago for 4-5 days in early June.
- Applicants are expected to read and prepare materials ahead of events.
- Applicant agrees to take part in assessment of grant activities, including generating lesson plans and the posting of those materials on the **American Crossroads** website for use by other educators.
- Applicant understands that the goals of our grant include, but are not limited to; 1) the development of Advanced Placement U.S. History classes in schools that aren't currently offering them and continuing support for the A.P. program in our region; and 2) the development of History Day programs in schools that aren't currently participating.

Signatures

Teacher Applicant

Date

I certify that the above applicant currently teaches a class that has American History objectives in the course curriculum. I agree to support this teacher in the completion of the requirements of the *American Crossroad* grant program over the course of the next year.

Principal

Date

PERSONAL DATA

Preferred e-mail address _____

Home mailing address _____

Do you hold a valid Minnesota State teacher's certificate? _____

In what areas are you certified? _____

How many years have you been teaching? _____

What classes will you be teaching this year?

Does your school offer AP US History? _____

Briefly describe why you are interested in taking part in this grant program and how you are hoping it will enrich your professional development and impact your students:

I hereby affirm that all information supplied on this application is complete and accurate and I understand that I shall not be considered for admission to the American Crossroads grant program until I have submitted all the information specified. I agree to inform the grant's project director of any change in my plans to complete this program. I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission and enrollment.

Signature of Applicant

Application Deadline is September 28, 2009

Mail completed application to

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Moorhead, MN 56560

Please note: You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your application.

