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Eagleton Institute of Politics

STATE HOUSE EXPRESS

*A small grants program to enhance civics education
for middle- and high-school students in New Jersey*

The program provides \$300 grant awards to eligible middle-school and high-school teachers of government, civics, history, and other social studies classes. The grants are designed to help pay for bus rental costs to take classes on a field trip to the State House in Trenton for a guided tour and a first-hand examination of the legislature's role in our system of representative democracy to encourage civic participation in the American political system.

The State House Express program, now in its fourth year, is funded by the New Jersey Legislature and is administered by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University in collaboration with the Office of Legislative Services at the State House.

Teachers may submit applications for the 2007-2008 program to Eagleton at any time during the academic year – awards will be made on a rolling basis with decisions made as soon as the applications are received.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Awards are designated for students in grades 6 through 12.
- Classes visiting the State House must consist of a minimum of 25 students.
- Teachers who receive the award must schedule their tour of the State House with the Office of Legislative Services in Trenton to take place during the 2007-2008 academic year (September 2007-June 2008).
- All eligible teachers from public and private schools are encouraged to apply, including those who have received awards in the past. Individual teachers are eligible each year. In special circumstances, more than a single grant may be awarded to the same school.
- Other school groups, who do not meet the criteria specified above, may also apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications for this year's program will be available in mid-August on the Eagleton Institute website or by contacting Eagleton and can be submitted at any time thereafter.

For further information, including brochures and applications, contact:



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