



**The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.
Presents:**

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

July 12-17, 2009
Tallahassee, Florida

Institute Eligibility: Open to Florida teachers (9th - 12th Grades)

Registration Fee: \$50.00

Participants will receive Accommodations Provided by FLREA:
Lodging, meals, materials, and travel stipends.

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

Goal

The goal of this professional development institute is to prepare high school 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 program is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's 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, professional development program focusing on the history and principles of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Participants will take part in lectures and discussions on constitutional themes pertinent to 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. Constitutional scholars will lecture daily and experienced *We the People* teachers will mentor participants and demonstrate classroom applications.

The *We the People* instructional program enhances students' understanding of the institutions of U.S. 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 constitutional issues. Since the inception of the *We the People...* program in 1987, more than 28 million students and 90 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:

- ***How have the Values and Principles Embodied in the Constitution Shaped American Institutions and Practices?***
- ***What Rights Does the Bill of Rights Protect?***
- ***What Challenges might Face American Constitutional Democracy in the Twenty-First Century?***

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Participants will receive:

- Airfare or ground transportation stipend *;
- Lodging and meals;
- Constitutional literature;
- A set of *We the People* texts for classroom use; and
- An institute notebook with additional materials provided by scholars and mentors.

*Each participant traveling to Tallahassee is eligible for up to a \$200 travel stipend for air or ground transportation.

Participant Requirements

Participants are required to implement the *We the People* curriculum in their classroom during the following academic year and participate in a competitive mock congressional hearing at the district and/or state level.

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Institute Registration Form
Deadline: June 12, 2009

District Number: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Grade Level Taught: _____ Classes Taught: _____

Do you have the *We the People* text? ___ YES ___ NO

Do you currently teach the *We the People* program? ___ YES ___ NO

If yes, for how long?

Medical Conditions/Allergies or Special Considerations:

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

Registration Fee: \$50.00

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