

A P P L I C A T I O N

TO BECOME A NEWSWEEK/FIRST AMENDMENT MENTOR TEACHER

The First Amendment Schools project is co-sponsored by the First Amendment Center and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). The First Amendment Schools project staff will conduct a three-day teachers' workshop in Washington, D.C., from July 12-14, 2002, with the cooperation of the Newsweek Education Program.

All workshop-related expenses, including travel and lodging, will be provided to 30 teachers. Teachers participating in this workshop will:

- learn from national experts about the meaning and significance of the First Amendment;
- learn how to apply and model First Amendment principles in their classrooms and school communities;
- receive teaching materials, including NEWSWEEK's NewsSource unit, "Living up to the First Amendment;"
- receive a fully-paid classroom set (30 copies) of NEWSWEEK for their classrooms for the 2002-2003 school year;
- receive all NEWSWEEK Education Program benefits for the 2002-2003 school year;
- visit key places in Washington, D.C. associated with the First Amendment.

Applicants must be full-time classroom teachers during the 2002/2003 school year in the United States. Teachers selected will be expected to participate in an ongoing evaluation of the program and materials during the school year, and present at least one workshop or professional development activity for teachers in their home community/state during the 2002/2003 school year on the First Amendment in schools. The deadline for entry is April 15, 2002. Applications should be mailed to:

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Basic information:

Your name: _____ Years teaching: _____

Name of school and full address: _____

Home phone number: _____ Work phone number _____

Fax number: _____ e-mail address: _____

Subjects and grade levels taught: _____

Extracurricular assignments: _____

Name of Department Chair: _____ Name of Principal: _____

School information (circle appropriate answer):

Type of school: public private sectarian private non-sectarian

Level: elementary middle/junior high senior high

Community: rural urban suburban

School size: fewer than 500 students 501-1000 1001-2000 more than 2000

Narrative questions (answer each on a separate piece of paper):

1. The First Amendment Schools project sees schools becoming “laboratories of democracy.” How would you apply this in your classroom?
2. What do you see as the greatest challenge to applying First Amendment principles in your classroom? How would you meet this challenge?
3. Participating teachers are asked to present at least one workshop or professional development activity for educators in their home community/state. Describe how you would fulfill this responsibility.
4. How do you encourage your students, colleagues and school community to engage in civic responsibility?
5. Educators have the responsibility of providing a safe environment for students. How would you reconcile the two goals of student safety and the exercise of First Amendment freedoms in your school?

Signature: _____