



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES

NEH LANDMARKS OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

SAMPLE APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops provide K-12 educators with the opportunity to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics and issues in American history and culture, while providing them with direct experiences in the interpretation of significant historical and cultural sites and the use of archival and other primary evidence.

Prior to completing an application to a specific workshop, please review the project website and consider carefully what is expected in terms of residence and attendance, reading and writing requirements, and general participation in the work of the project.

NEH Landmarks workshops involve teachers in collaboration with core faculty and visiting scholars to study the best available scholarship on a specific landmark or cluster of landmarks. Workshops, offered twice in one summer, accommodate 36 teachers in each one-week session. Participants benefit by gaining a sense of the importance of historical and cultural places, by making connections between the workshop content and what they teach, and by developing individual teaching and/or research materials.

Please Note: An individual may *apply to up to two* NEH summer projects (NEH Landmarks Workshops, NEH Summer Seminars, or NEH Summer Institutes), but may *participate in only one*.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A selection committee will read and evaluate all properly completed applications.

Special consideration is given to the likelihood that an applicant will benefit professionally and personally from the workshop experience. It is important, therefore, to address each of the following factors in the application essay:

- 1) your professional background;
- 2) your interest in the subject of the workshop;
- 3) your special perspectives, skills, or experiences that would contribute to the workshop;
and
- 4) how the experience would enhance your teaching or school service.

Five workshop spaces may be reserved for teachers who are new to the profession (those who have been teaching for five years or less). While recent participants are eligible to apply, selection committees are asked to give first consideration to applicants who have not participated in an NEH-supported seminar, institute, or workshop. Additionally, preference is given to applicants who would significantly contribute to the diversity of the workshop.

STIPEND, TENURE, AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Teachers selected to participate as Summer Scholars will receive a \$1,200 stipend at the end of the workshop session. Stipends are intended to **help** cover travel expenses to and from the project location, books, and ordinary living expenses. Stipends are taxable.

Summer Scholars are required to attend all scheduled meetings and to engage fully as professionals in all project activities. Participants who do not complete the full tenure of the project will receive a reduced stipend.

At the end of the workshop, Summer Scholars will be asked to provide an assessment of their workshop experience, especially in terms of its value to their personal and professional development. These confidential online evaluations will become a part of the project's grant file.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A completed application consists of the following items:

- a completed application cover sheet,
- a résumé or short biography with contact information for a professional reference, and
- an application essay (no longer than two double-spaced pages).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Completed applications should be submitted **to the project director**, not the NEH, and **postmarked no later than March 1, 2020. Application materials sent to the NEH will not be reviewed.**

Successful applicants will be notified of their selection on **Friday, March 27, 2020**, and they will have until **Friday, April 3, 2020** to accept or decline the offer.

Once you have accepted an offer to attend any NEH-supported Summer Program (NEH Landmarks Workshop, NEH Summer Seminar, or NEH Summer Institute), you may not withdraw in order to accept an offer from another program.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

Endowment programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation. For further information, write to NEH Equal Opportunity Officer, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20506. TDD: 202/606-8282 (for the hearing impaired only).