

BEING AN AMERICAN: EXPLORING IDEALS THAT UNITE US

The Hatton W. Sumners Foundation, Law Focused Education Inc./State Bar of Texas, and the Bill of Rights Institute invite you to attend **Being An American: Exploring the Ideals that Unites Us** institute during the summer of 2009.

This **twelve-hour** institute is for **secondary teachers** who would like to explore material which focuses on the significance of America's founding documents and civic values, as well as the contributions of great Americans who were committed to these principles and exemplified these values. The twelve hours has been approved for use toward the TAGT Awareness Certificate.

Being An American: Exploring the Ideals that Unites Us will focus on five areas of study:

Section One—The United States Constitution

The objective of this section is to help students understand the significance of the United States Constitution by recognizing its purpose and its structure.

Section Two—The United States Bill of Rights

The objective of this section is for students to understand the importance of the rights of the individual and limits on government, as articulated in the United States Bill of Rights.

Section Three—America's Civic Values

The objective of this section is for students to discover and embrace the civic values that underlie our American way of life.

Section Four—American Heroes: Past and Present

The objective of this section is for students to learn about great Americans, in order for them to serve as role models that inspire students to take seriously the responsibilities of citizenship.

Section Five—American Citizenship: A Personal Response

The objective of this section is to challenge students to reflect on the meaning of American citizenship and to articulate their personal response to this challenge—both in their current lives as students and in their future lives as adults.

The Law-Related Education, scholars and consultants will guide educators through the five lessons in the curriculum. Educators will receive a copy of the **Being An American: Exploring the Ideals that Unites Us** curriculum created by the Bill of Rights Institute, lunch each day, and other Law-Related Education materials which will support the curriculum. The institute will start at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. each day.

Each site is limited to fifty participants. A \$50.00 holding fee is required to reserve your space. (which will be returned at the completion of the institute). After registering, if for any reason you find you cannot attend, please notify the LRE office at least two weeks prior to the institute so that your space may be given to someone on the waiting list, and your holding fee will be returned. Checks should be made payable to The State Bar of Texas or provide your credit card information on the application, *credit cards will not be charged unless you do not attend the Institute.*

For more information, e-mail nquintero@texasbar.com or call 800/204-2222, ext. 1820 or 512/427-4229.

2009 LOCATIONS

San Angelo	ESC Region 15	June 17-18, 2009
Lubbock	ESC Region 17	July 16-17, 2009
San Antonio	ESC Region 20	July 30-31, 2009

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APPLICATION**

Please fill out the following application and attach a \$50.00 holding fee or credit card information. (You will receive this holding fee back the last day of the institute.)

You may download an application at: texaslre.org

All participants will be mailed a confirmation letter and information about the institute once your registration is received.

Deadline for application, May 30, 2009:

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Summer E-Mail _____

School & District Name _____

Grade Level You Teach _____

Special dietary needs? _____

Please indicate form of payment.

Check Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____ Check Amount: _____

Credit Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration: Month _____ Year _____

Signature: _____

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