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THE  
MOUNT VERNON  
HISTORY TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARD

The home of George Washington is looking for teachers who bring creativity and passion to their teaching, who generate a love of learning, and who deepen their students' understanding and appreciation of history.

The 2008 *Mount Vernon History Teacher of the Year* will receive a \$5,000 cash award and an all expenses-paid field trip to Mount Vernon for his or her students, as well as the opportunity to participate in the 2009 week-long residential George Washington Teachers' Institute.

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FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.  
METROPOLITAN AREA TEACHERS  
GRADES 3-12



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# *Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness . . .*

George Washington, First Annual Address to Congress, 1790

## SELECTION CRITERIA

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- Full-time teachers, with at least two years of experience, who teach American history at the elementary, middle school, or high school level.
- Creativity and accuracy in lesson development and classroom teaching.
- Ability to integrate primary documents and material culture into the study of history.
- Dedication to improving students' understanding of historical content as well as fostering their knowledge of the importance of studying history.
- Ability to cultivate in their students an abiding interest in and passion for history.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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### RESUME

A two-page (maximum) resume that includes mention of teaching grants or honors and curriculum materials created, as well as educational initiatives or programs with which the applicant has been involved.

### LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- A letter of support from the applicant's school principal or county superintendent attesting to his or her skill as a history

teacher and containing quantifiable measures of his or her teaching skills (these can include but are not limited to student test scores, student attendance, special projects or student involvement in county or state competitions, grants or awards given to the applicant or students).

- A letter of support from a colleague or department chair.
- A maximum of three letters from former students or the parents of former students testifying to the applicant's impact on the student's academic achievement or interest in history may be included but is not mandatory.

### ESSAY

A brief essay (two pages maximum) describing the applicant's philosophy and approach to teaching history.

### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

- A sample lesson plan highlighting the use of primary documents or the exploration of material culture.
- A sample project assigned to students. Student work pertaining to the selected project may be included. If students' work is submitted electronically, the applicant should submit copies in printed form.

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Please send TWO copies of your application to:

Nancy Hayward  
Assistant Director of Education/  
Director of Programs  
George Washington's  
Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens  
P.O. Box 110, Mount Vernon, VA 22121

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
MAY 21, 2008**

## THE MOUNT VERNON HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

will be presented on  
Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at  
The George Washington  
Teachers' Institute  
to be followed by a reception on the  
Piazza of Mount Vernon

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE E-MAIL  
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