



National Council on Economic Education

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR
UNITED STATES PARTICIPANTS**

TRAINING OF WRITERS PROGRAM
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Description of Program for U.S. Educators

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The National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting economic literacy. Its mission is to help students develop economic ways of thinking and problem-solving that they can use in their lives as consumers, savers, investors, members of the workforce, responsible citizens, and effective participants in the global economy.

Founded in 1949, NCEE conducts its mission through the *EconomicsAmerica* program for the nation's schools; *EconomicsInternational*, a program for supporting economic education delivery in emerging market economies; and *EconomicsExchange*, activities for life-long learning. NCEE and its network of affiliated state councils and university-based centers on economic education deliver these programs nationally and internationally.

Cooperative Education Exchange Program (CEEP)

The Cooperative Education Exchange Program (CEEP) supports reform in economic and civic education in eligible countries and is funded through the U.S. Department of Education in coordination with the U.S. Department of State. Through the CEEP, the NCEE helps international partners in countries undergoing the transition to a market economy promote economic literacy through professional development, materials development and translation, exchange activities, and organizational development. The program brings together U.S. economic educators with counterparts from transition and developing countries.

Training of Writers Program

NCEE will train up to 12 writers of economic education instructional materials from the United States and 12 writers from partner countries in a five-day workshop in Mexico City, Mexico, in August 2008. With travel time and an orientation in Washington, D.C., participants will be gone August 10-19. *This program is not a study tour. It requires extensive writing and group work during the workshop, as well as continued writing during the school year.* The program will begin with an orientation in Washington, D.C., during which participants will become more familiar with NCEE, the NCEE nationwide network, the EconomicsInternational program, and the backgrounds of their fellow U.S. teachers and international colleagues. The orientation will close with a briefing on Capitol Hill. During the workshop, individuals will be assigned to work in small groups consisting of U.S. and international participants. After the workshop, participants will be required to develop economics lessons that use an active-learning approach and that are appropriate for use in their respective countries. U.S. faculty will provide feedback to participants for the improvement of their lessons, and they will work intensively with writers on improving their lessons to a publishable form.

NCEE is seeking outstanding economic educators, particularly classroom teachers, who have the commitment and support to continue developing high-quality economic education instructional materials after completing this program. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to economic education and to working with their state council and/or local center for economic education. Housing (double room occupancy), meals, and transportation will be covered by NCEE. *No family members or friends may accompany participants to the orientation or workshop.*

Participant Criteria:

Preference will be given to U.S. citizens (or residents) who:

1. Enter the program with significant knowledge of economics and who have participated in council/center-sponsored workshops or seminars. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to economic education and have an ongoing relationship with their state council and/or local center for economic education. Letters of recommendation from councils/centers are strongly encouraged.
2. Have strong written and oral communication skills.
3. Commit to attend all workshop sessions, to attend all planned activities, and to participate in evening work sessions as required.
4. Commit to participate actively in small groups during the workshop. Group members are expected to work together and to contribute to all writing assignments.
5. Commit to work extensively after the workshop on the development and revision of one lesson in economics for the elementary or secondary level, using an active-learning approach.
6. Commit to meet all deadlines outlined on the attached application form.
7. Have regular access to a computer, modem, and e-mail account for communication with U.S. faculty.
8. Have strong relationships with other teachers who can field-test developed lessons in their classrooms.
9. Respect copyright laws by not plagiarizing materials produced by NCEE or any other entity.
10. Respect copyright laws that govern distribution of materials that will be given to program participants.
11. Are prepared to promote their involvement in the *Training of Writers* by writing articles for school or organizational newsletters, seeking local media coverage, and/or by making presentations to school and civics groups, such as Rotary clubs.
12. Have a valid U.S. passport in hand no later than June 1, 2008. For visa and entry reasons, passport must be valid through February 2009 and have at least two blank pages for entry/exit stamps.
13. Agree not to proselytize or to participate in political activities while overseas.