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Eagleton Institute of Politics

STATE HOUSE EXPRESS

*A small grants program to enhance civics education
for middle- and high-school students in New Jersey*

The program provides \$300 grant awards to eligible middle-school and high-school teachers of government, civics, history, and other social studies classes. The grants are designed to help pay for bus rental costs to take classes on a field trip to the State House in Trenton for a guided tour and a first-hand examination of the legislature's role in our system of representative democracy. The object of the program is to encourage civic participation in the American political system.

The State House Express program, now in its sixth year, is funded by the New Jersey Legislature and is administered by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University in collaboration with the Office of Legislative Services at the State House.

Teachers may submit applications for the 2009-2010 program to Eagleton at any time between now and the end of the academic year. Awards will be on a rolling basis, with decisions made as soon as the applications are received.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Awards are designated for groups of students in grades 6 through 12.
- Groups receiving awards must include at least 25 students.
- Teachers who receive the award must schedule their tour of the State House with the Office of Legislative Services in Trenton to take place between September 2009 and June 2010.
- All eligible teachers from public and private schools are encouraged to apply, including those who have received awards in the past.
- Other school groups, who do not meet the criteria specified above, may also apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Visit the Eagleton Institute website for an application or call the phone number below. Applications may be submitted to Eagleton at any time.

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