



NEWS MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, 2002

A “new and improved” version of Lilly Endowment’s popular Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program is on the drawing board for 2002. For the first time since the program began in 1987 for teachers in Indiana’s public schools, eligibility to apply is being expanded to include licensed teachers in Indiana’s private and parochial schools

Also, the program is now open to former recipients of Teacher Creativity fellowships who received their grants before 1994. This marks the 15th year for the program which has awarded fellowships to 1,110 Indiana educators, who have used the funds to pursue summer renewal programs which have taken them all over the world, introduced them to new arts and crafts, allowed them to pursue their interests from archaeology to zither playing.

Each recipient receives a grant of \$7,500, and the grant period extends through the fall of 2002, even though the bulk of the work occurs in a six-week period in the summer.

Because almost every experienced teacher in your area is eligible to compete for the fellowships, we hope you will use this announcement. The summer program gives Indiana public, private and parochial teachers a chance to pursue a self-designed project for personal and professional renewal.

Eligible applicants for the fellowships include classroom teachers, guidance counselors, resource teachers and library/media specialists involved with grades kindergarten through 12. Also, eligible applicants must have at least three years’ experience. Awards are reserved for faculty who intend to teach in Indiana during the 2002–2003 school year. Teachers may apply either as individuals or in collaborative groups.

Fellowship recipients will pursue a project of their own design for six weeks next summer (the extended grant period allows for follow-up work during the fall). A panel of out-of-state judges, including distinguished teachers, administrators and education professors, will review the applications.

The Endowment is mailing information about the program to every Indiana superintendent and principal. Teachers interested in applying for the 2002 fellowship should ask their school leaders for application instructions. The postmark deadline for proposals is Jan. 4, 2002, and the Endowment will announce the awards in March.