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Note to reporters/editors: Virtually all K-12 educators in your area probably will be interested in this program.

Lilly Endowment announces 2004 fellowship program

Now beginning its 17th year, the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program encompasses principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Indiana; K-12 licensed classroom teachers, guidance counselors, resource teachers and library/media specialists in Indiana public and private schools with at least three years' experience. Also eligible are former Teacher Creativity fellows who received their award before 1997.

Total participation in the program passed the 1,300 mark this summer as another 120 fellows fulfilled their renewal goals. The 2003 fellows have pursued renewal programs that have taken them all over the world, introduced them to new arts and crafts or sharpened their skills in current ones and allowed them to pursue their interests from studying lighthouses and glaciers, to going on spiritual pilgrimages, to enhancing their skills in papermaking and woodcarving, to investigating the civil rights movement in this country.

Each recipient receives a grant of \$7,500. The Endowment will provide up to 120 awards.

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Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program
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Teachers participate in a six-week, full-time project in the summer which may begin after June 1, 2004, and must be completed by Aug. 31, 2004. The fellowship period, however, will run through May 2005, so recipients will have extra time for their renewal work, to expand their projects or develop connections to classroom teaching or learning.

Principals and assistant principals, who may not have extensive time available during the summer, may propose time lines that – over the course of a full year – will allow them to engage in renewal activities that fit their schedules.

Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 1. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of February 2004.

For specific questions about the program or application procedures, please contact the Endowment by e-mail, info@teachercreativity.org, or consult the program's Web site, www.teachercreativity.org.