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STATE HOUSE EXPRESS

*A small grants program to enhance civic 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 field trips to the State House in Trenton for special guided tours and first-hand examination of the legislature's role in our system of representative democracy. The object of the program is to encourage participation in the American political system.

The State House Express program, now in its eighth 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 in Trenton.

Teachers may submit applications for the 2011-2012 program to Eagleton at any time during the academic year. Awards are made on a rolling basis, with decisions made as soon as the applications are received.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Students must be in grades 6 - 12.
- Tour group must consist of a minimum of 25 students.
- All tours must be scheduled and completed during the 2011-2012 academic year (September 2011-June 2012).
- All teachers of students in grades 6-12 in public and private schools are encouraged to apply, including those who have received awards in the past. Individual teachers are eligible each year. In special circumstances, separate grants may be awarded to different teachers in the same school.
- Other school groups or organizations who do not meet the exact criteria specified above may also apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are available on the Eagleton website: www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

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