



Civic Engagement and Election 2016
Summer Conference for
Kansas Government, History and Social Studies Teachers
July 20-22, 2016

On behalf of the Dole Institute of Politics, Director Bill Lacy and I are pleased to invite you to apply for our ninth annual conference for Government, History and Social Studies teachers at the Dole Institute at the University of Kansas, July 20-22, 2016. If selected, you would participate in "Civic Engagement and Election 2016" with other teachers from around the state of Kansas.

The 3-day conference will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, and end by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22nd. We have invited outstanding presenters, including elected officials, professors, and current and retired teachers.

The Dole Institute will provide a \$300 stipend, two nights' lodging, meals, and reimbursement for mileage/tolls up to \$275.

We will bring together high school and middle school teachers to discuss and debate the significance of getting young people involved in civic engagement, public service and in local, state and national elections. Youth voting (18-24 years old) is increasing around the country and interest is at an all-time high.

The following is the mission statement of the Dole Institute of Politics:

The mission of the Dole Institute of Politics is to promote political and civic participation as well as civil discourse in a bi-partisan, balanced manner. By providing a forum for discussion of political and economic issues, fostering for public service leadership and encouraging participation in the political process, we emphasize that politics is an honorable profession and that only through political and civic participation can citizens redirect the course of our nation.

Up to twenty-five (25) teachers will be selected to attend the conference. If you would like to attend, please complete the attached application and include your short essay. Preference will be given to teachers who have not attended this conference before. Please send completed application to Deanne Stephens, Office Assistant, d.stephens@ku.edu, fax (785) 864-1414, or mail to the Dole Institute of Politics. **Completed applications must be received by Monday, April 25, 2016.**

We will notify all applicants of their status by May 17, 2016. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (785) 864-4900.

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Ballard, Ph.D.
Associate Director

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(Please Print)

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL (*Best email to reach you when school is not in session*): _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ HIGH SCHOOL CITY: _____

Please submit a short Essay and address the following:

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING? DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC ENAGEMENT AND WHY YOU WANT TO ATTEND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND ELECTION 2016.

By applying I agree to attend *all 3 days* of Civic Engagement and Election 2016, July 20-22, 2016.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Short Essay

Why did you choose teaching? Discuss the importance of civic learning and why you want to attend Civic Engagement and Election 2016.