

Topical Heading

Civics

Program Title

Civic Education: We the People Program

Also Known as

Civic Education

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.304D

Administering Office

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

By law, only the Center for Civic Education is eligible.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2008 appropriations support a statutory earmark for one noncompetitive award.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Type of Assistance (specifically)

This is a noncompetitive grant to the Center for Civic Education.

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$17,038,890

Fiscal Year 2007 \$17,038,890

Fiscal Year 2008 \$20,056,385

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1 noncompetitive award

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Note: This program was listed formerly as # 84.304C and # 84.929A; # 84.304D replaces # 84.929A. In FY 2007, several 12-month competitive awards were made under # 84.304K and # 84.304C for field readers; however, the authority to make competitive awards under the program no longer exists.

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title II, Part C, Subpart 3, Secs. 2341–2344; 20 U.S.C. 6711–6714

Program Regulations

EDGAR

Program Description

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is an instructional program on the principles of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights for elementary, middle, and high school students. The program goal is to promote understanding of the principles and values on which our political institutions are based. The We the People program is administered through a national network of coordinators. The program is available to public and private elementary and secondary schools in congressional districts, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Types of Projects

Participating schools implement a curriculum that focuses on promoting citizenship and increasing students' understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Activities include simulated congressional hearings

with community members as judges and an annual national competition in which secondary student teams compete in simulated congressional hearings. Other programs that the Civic Education Center administers under We the People include Project Citizen and the School Violence Prevention Demonstration.

Education Level (by category)

K-12

Subject Index

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Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/wethepeople/index.html>