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APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR PICTURING AMERICA EXTENDED UNTIL NOVEMBER 14

School and Library Districts May Apply for All their Members to Receive Free Education Resource in Spring 2009

WASHINGTON, DC (October 20, 2008) –The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced today that the deadline for Picturing America applications has been extended to **November 14 2008**. Now, additional schools, libraries, and school and library districts will have the opportunity to apply for Picturing America, an innovative, free resource that provides educators with an engaging way to teach American history and other subjects through great American art.

“Picturing America is helping our citizens explore the people, places, and events that have shaped our country. Over the past few weeks, the Endowment has received a flood of thank you letters from teachers, librarians, and even students, who recently received their own Picturing America sets and are amazed at how the images are truly helping to tell the story of America,” said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. “By extending the current application period, the Endowment wants to ensure this same opportunity is available to every school or library wishing to apply.”

Picturing America includes 40 laminated large, high-quality reproductions of significant American art and a comprehensive teachers resource book with lesson ideas to facilitate the use of the images in all K-12 grade levels and subject areas.

Schools and libraries may apply for the program in a simple, [online application](#) process. School and library districts may also apply for every institution in their jurisdiction with one, single application. Details and instructions are available at [PicturingAmerica.neh.gov](#).

To date, more than 26,000 schools and public libraries – representing an estimated 10 million K-12 students across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories – have received Picturing America. Schools and public libraries submitting their applications prior to the new November 14 deadline will receive their Picturing America materials in spring 2009. Please note that previous recipients of the Picturing America collection are not eligible for a second award.

To learn information about [Picturing America](#), read [testimonials from educators](#), or [view the images](#) available in the collection, please visit the Picturing America Web site ([PicturingAmerica.neh.gov](#)).

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About Picturing America

Public, private, parochial, and charter and home school consortia (K-12), as well as public libraries in the United States and its territories, are eligible to receive Picturing America materials. Interested schools and public libraries are encouraged to apply through the NEH through Nov. 14, 2008 for receipt of the materials in spring 2009. Detailed instructions for submitting an application can be found in the ‘Apply Now’ section of the Picturing America Web site, [PicturingAmerica.neh.gov](#).

Picturing America comes with a comprehensive package of materials that includes:

- Forty large, high-quality color reproductions of the selected masterpieces (24" x 36");
- A comprehensive teachers resource book providing a wide range of ideas and background information to support educators using the works of art in core subject areas; and
- Additional resources and lesson plans available through the Picturing America Web site PicturingAmerica.neh.gov.

About the National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. The study of the humanities — history, literature, philosophy, and the arts — helps us explore what it means to be human. The humanities enable us to understand the world and our place in it.

Because “democracy demands wisdom,” NEH serves and strengthens our Republic through promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. Through its programs, NEH provides opportunities for all citizens to embrace the humanities and benefit from their wisdom. For more information about NEH, visit www.neh.gov.

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