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MEMORANDUM NO. 2007 - 119

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. *JMB*

DATE: June 29, 2007

SUBJECT: Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

INFORMATION TO SHARE

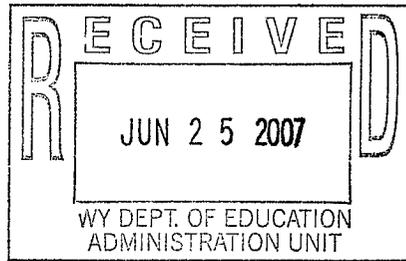
Attached is information that I received from the Department of State, U.S.A. regarding the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. Enclosed you will find documentation regarding participation requirements and how to obtain an application. Please share this information with your staff. Thank you.

JM:clr



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



May 2007

Dear Jim,

For more than 50 years, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program has brought nations of the world together through educational exchange. The United States Department of State recognizes that the success of the program is not possible without the aid of thousands of educational administrators like you, who help in our publicity efforts each year. To this end, I would like to ask that you put the enclosed poster on a bulletin board and distribute photocopies of the flyer to teachers and other administrators.

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program is unique among Fulbright educational programs in its one-for-one exchange of teachers. In the traditional model, each U.S. school continues to pay the U.S. teacher's salary and receives in exchange a highly qualified international teacher (paid by his or her home school). In addition to teachers, school or district level administrators may participate in a non-simultaneous, theoretically focused six-week job-shadowing experience with their foreign counterpart. Finally, schools or districts can host international administrators, either individually or in small groups, from Brazil, Jordan, Thailand, or Uruguay.

As a result of a Fulbright experience, the school, district, and community benefit from the U.S. teacher's or administrator's increased understanding of his/her host country, its language, academic community, and exposure to new perspectives, teaching methods, or administrative approaches. In addition, the international teacher or administrator becomes an invaluable resource to the school, district, and community. Not only do members of the community have an opportunity to learn about another nation, but they also gain new insights into their own culture through the eyes of a visiting foreign educator. Many previous Fulbright teachers have added to their institutions' cultural diversity by augmenting global awareness and establishing future classroom and student exchanges as well as pen-pal relationships.

The program is open to educators of all levels from elementary to four-year institutions. We are especially interested in having American teachers in the exchange program reflect the diversity of the U.S. population and the multiple disciplines that are taught in U.S. schools. There is no limit to the number of educators who may apply to the program from a single school, district or organization. Please remember that applications for 2008-2009 program participation must be postmarked by October 15, 2007.

If you have any questions, need more materials, or would like to be in touch with program alumni, please contact our Outreach Department at (202) 314-3537. You may also visit us on our website at: www.fulbrightexchanges.org, and we have an online application there, as well. Please help us identify the best possible U.S. representatives for the 2008-2009 exchange year by encouraging educators from your institution to apply. Thank you in advance for your help and for your continued support of the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gibson
Branch Chief
Teacher Exchange Branch
Office of Global Educational Programs

Enclosures

THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

Sponsored by the United States Department of State, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange directs one-to-one classroom exchanges to twenty-five countries for teachers of all curricular levels, kindergarten-post secondary.

Most exchanges occur for an academic year. Argentina, Chili, India and the United Kingdom offer fall-semester exchanges. Morocco and the United Kingdom offer six-week exchanges. Italy and Greece offer eight-week classical seminars for teachers of Latin, Greek or the Classics.

In addition to the teacher exchanges, there are administrative job-shadowing opportunities in eleven countries. Jordan, Thailand, and Uruguay currently offer opportunities to host incoming administrators during site visits to the United States.

Prospective applicants must meet the following general eligibility requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Fluency in English
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Be in at least third year of full-time teaching
- A current full-time position

The application deadline is October 15, 2007 for the 2008-2009 program year. For more information and/or an application please visit our web-site: www.fulbrightexchanges.org or call (800)726-0479.

FULBRIGHT

TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program arranges direct one-to-one exchanges. In most cases, both teachers secure a leave of absence with pay from their home institutions and then trade classrooms for the school year. The program is open to educators from K-12 schools, two-year colleges and four-year colleges.

General eligibility requirements are:

- U.S. citizenship
- Fluency in English
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Three years of full-time teaching experience
- A current full-time teaching or administrative position
- Have not participated in a Fulbright program longer than eight weeks in the past five years or an eight week or shorter Fulbright program in the past two years

In addition to the general eligibility requirements, the applicant must also meet country specific subject, level and language requirements detailed in the application booklet. There is no age limit. Educators with families are encouraged to apply and bring their families along on the exchange.

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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA
BRAZIL
BULGARIA
CHILE
COLOMBIA
CZECH REPUBLIC
ESTONIA
FINLAND
FRANCE
GHANA
GREECE
HUNGARY
INDIA
ITALY
LATVIA
MEXICO
MOROCCO
PERU
POLAND
ROMANIA
SENEGAL
SLOVAK REPUBLIC
SOUTH AFRICA
SWITZERLAND
THAILAND
TURKEY
UNITED KINGDOM
URUGUAY

To receive an application, please telephone
1-800-726-0479, e-mail: fulbright@grad.usda.gov, fax
(202)479-6806 or mail this form to:
Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program
Attention: FCS
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Suite 320
Washington, D.C. 20024-2520
Application available at our Web site:
www.fulbrightexchanges.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Applications Requested _____

How did you hear about the Program? _____

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TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION

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e-mail: fulbright@grad.usda.gov, or mail this form to:

FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Attention: FCS • 600 Maryland Avenue, SW • Suite 320
Washington, D.C. • 20024-2520

Application also available at our website: www.fulbrightexchanges.org

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