

The Western Kentucky University Writing Project

Application Information

Thirtieth WKU Writing Project June 2-25, 2015

Western Kentucky University, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Education and the National Writing Project, will offer its Thirtieth Summer Invitational Institute for K-12 teachers. Our project is a cooperative in-service effort aimed at improving writing instruction at all levels. For each participant the project will provide up to six hours of graduate credit in English (at no cost to participants) and a stipend of \$300 to offset travel-related expenses. Our project will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for four weeks.

A maximum of ten teachers of social studies, science, English/language arts, and other disciplines (K-12), distributed across grade levels, will be selected. Each applicant should have successful teaching experience, and experienced teachers will be given first consideration. Each applicant also needs a strong recommendation from his/her principal showing potential for influencing students and other teachers, as well as leadership qualities and professional commitment.

Our intensive project emphasizes writing as a process. Teachers will write a variety of assignments, discuss recent theories and research in the teaching of writing, prepare instructional materials, and share their own successful strategies for teaching composition. Outside speakers and social events will add interest to the program.

In the fall of 2015, participants will share their expertise with their colleagues through in-service programs and will spend time consulting with other teachers in their schools. Two Saturday meetings with participants and University faculty will be conducted in each semester of the academic year 2015-2016. In addition, each participant will be engaged in a standards-based unit of instruction project.

Please contact the Project Director for additional information: Peggy Otto. Phone: (270) 745-5710 or (270) 745-6587. E-mail: peggy.otto@wku.edu. Applications with administrator recommendations will be due by February 26, 2015.

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NOTE: This version cannot be submitted electronically. Please feel free, though, to print out copies for your use and for other interested individuals. **Be sure to print and complete all three web pages.** (An on-line form is available [HERE](#).)

WKU Writing Project
(To be completed by the teacher)

Return by February 26, 2015 to:
Peggy Otto
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1906 College Heights Blvd. #11086
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1086

Applicant's
Name _____

Date _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____

School Address _____

Phone _____

School Fax _____

e mail _____

EDUCATION (start with most recent)

Name of Institution	Dates of Attendance	Degree	Date Received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Fields of Study:

EXPERIENCE

Total years experience: _____

(A) List the teaching positions you have held, beginning with the current year.

Name of School	Dates	Grade Levels	Subjects Taught
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(B) List courses, workshops, and professional teaching of writing meetings, memberships, and conferences you have participated in.

Date:

If necessary and you are selected as a finalist, would you be willing to come to Western Kentucky University at your own expense for a personal interview with the Project staff?

Yes_____ No_____

If you are selected for the Project and decide to participate in our Outreach program (designed to provide paid in-service to schools and districts), do you agree to allow the Outreach office to act as your "booking agent" and make all arrangements?

Yes_____ No_____

Respond in a brief paragraph to each of the following questions. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Do you enjoy writing? What do you write?

2. What problems have you encountered in teaching students to write? How have you attempted to solve them?

3. Identify a standards-based unit you've taught that involved writing, one that satisfied both you and your students. What other units are you interested in designing?

4. Why do you want to be a participant in this year's WKU Writing Project? What do you think you could bring to the Project?

5. Describe a book you've read recently which has impacted on your teaching.

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL)

Teacher applicant _____

I. Can you recommend this applicant as a strong teacher, one who is influential for colleagues and students? Please explain.

II. Participants are encouraged to conduct in-service programs in their school system/district during the school year following participation in the summer Project. How could you facilitate this requirement?

III. The Kentucky State Department of Education requires that each Project teacher be released for two days of professional leave to visit other Writing Project teachers' classrooms during the next school year. Would you permit such a leave?

IV. Each year, the Project holds an Administrator's Day luncheon and program to prepare participants for their school in-service requirement. Will you be able to attend on June 25, 2015?

(your signature)

(your school)

(printed name)

(date)

Please mail this directly to Project Director at this address:

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Deadline: February 26, 2015