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Master Teacher in Economics Program Description and Application

Overview:

The Master Teacher in Economics (MTE) program is designed for middle and high school teachers to increase their economic understanding. This improves teachers' abilities to bring economics to their students in stand-alone economics courses or to integrate economics as a strand within social studies and business curriculums. This program is offered as a collaboration between the Mississippi State Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy, the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Education at the University of Southern Mississippi, the Mississippi Council on Economic Education, the Mississippi Department of Education and the Center on Economic Education at Mississippi College. The Department of Education confers the "Master Teacher of Economics" designation. The Master Teacher of Economics is a State certificate program and secondary social studies, business and marketing teachers can earn the new "193" economics endorsement by completing the MTE. (Please note this designation is not a degree.)

Description:

MTE candidates will earn 9 CEU units for successful completion of the five modules. Teachers will receive their materials as each enrolls in the MTE program. Teachers will read chapters and complete lessons before each module and take a test at the end of each module day. The tests cover both economics content and portions of the economics framework. If a teacher does not pass the test, he/she can try again the next time the module is offered. Meeting dates during fall 2010 and spring 2011 are listed on page 2.

The In-Practice component involves two sections. The first is teacher participation in at least two full-day economic education training workshops such as the Stock Market Game, *Math and Economics*, *Economics in US History* or *Financial Fitness for Life* offered by the Mississippi Council on Economic Education. The second is participation with students in at least one student-oriented program offered by the Mississippi Council such as the Stock Market Game, the Economics Challenge or the pre- and post-testing of students in *Financial Fitness for Life*. Teachers will be able to earn CEU credits for both of these components (1.0 for each).

Benefits:

MTE candidates will receive a total of 11 CEUs for the MTE program, as follows: 9 for the Economics Content and 2 for the Economics In-Practice. Upon full completion of these two components, teachers will receive a certificate indicating the "Master Teacher in Economics" by the Mississippi Council on Economic Education and the Mississippi Department of Education that can be used in applying for the "193" designation by the Mississippi Department of Education.

Costs:

The cost of the program is \$2,000 per teacher and includes instruction, materials, CEU costs, light breakfasts and lunches. Teachers accepted to the program are often sponsored by either their local school district or the Mississippi Council on Economic Education through its partners, which include the Armstrong Foundation, BancorpSouth, MS Department of Education, State Farm and Trustmark. During 2010-2011, up to 45 teachers who complete the program at Mississippi State University will receive \$100 for each of the five modules as a result of an appropriation from the U.S. Dept of Education. If there is demand for programs at other Centers during the 2010-2011 academic year, teachers will receive a stipend for each day of face-to-face content instruction upon completion of the program. There will be no out-of-pocket costs to MTE candidates.

Is This Program Appropriate for You?

The MTE program is appropriate for all teachers of regular, honors, advanced placement (AP), and international business (IB) economics, U.S. History and those high school and middle school teachers who want to integrate economics into other courses. For questions about the application component, workshops,

and/or the MS Stock Market Game, please contact the Mississippi Council on Economic Education at 601-974-1325 or email at mscee@millsaps.edu.

What is the Next Step?

Review dates that the modules will be offered in 2010-11.

Master Teacher of Economics Schedule

	Mississippi State University
Fall 2010 <i>Note, you must begin an MTE program with the Fundamental Module; others can be completed in any order.</i>	
Fundamental Economics	Saturday, September 18
Microeconomics	Saturday, October 16
Macroeconomics	Saturday, November 6
International Economics	Saturday, December 4
Personal Finance	Saturday, January 15
Spring 2011	
Fundamental Economics	Saturday, February 5
Microeconomics	Saturday, March 5
Macroeconomics	Saturday, April 2
International Economics	Saturday, April 16
Personal Finance	Saturday, May 7

Note: Summer Immersion weeks in 2011 to be announced.

Complete and submit the following application **no later than September 3, 2010** for fall 2010 programming to the Mississippi Council on Economic Education.



Master Teacher in Economics Program Application

Please return to:

Mail:
Mississippi Council on Economic Education
At Millsaps College; 1701 N. State Street
Jackson, MS 39210

Fax: 601-974-1416
Phone: 601-974-1325
Visit our website: www.mscee.org

Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

Home City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Social Security Number (needed for CEU purposes): _____

School District: _____ County _____

Principal: _____ Superintendent: _____

School Name: _____

School Street Address: _____

School City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

What grades do you teach? _____

What subjects do you teach? _____

On a separate sheet, please indicate in 300 words or less how this program will advance your commitment to excellence in education.

Please acknowledge the following statement with your signature:
I understand the requirements of this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUPPORT FROM PRINCIPAL:

Please circle one:

I certify my support of this teacher's participation in the Master Teacher of Economics Program.

Our district **supports comprehensive delivery of economic and financial education through the Mississippi EconomicsAmerica Program.**

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____