



## GIVING OUR CHILDREN THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED

### 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. Materials include practice tests and study guides. Teachers will study before each module and take a pre-test at the beginning of each module day. Additionally, a post-test will be given at the end of the module day. The tests cover both economics content and portions of the economics framework. There will be no on-line portion. If a teacher does not pass the pre-test or the post-test, he/she can try again the next time the module is offered. The pre-test and post-tests will reflect the material in the text and be similar to questions in the study guide. Meeting dates during fall 2009 and spring 2010 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, MS Power Foundation, State Farm and Trustmark. U.S. Senator Thad Cochran has also secured an appropriation to support the MTE in 2009-10. 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 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 Pamela Smith, Ph.D. at the Mississippi Council on Economic Education at 601-974-1325 or email at [mscee@millsaps.edu](mailto:mscee@millsaps.edu).

**What is the Next Step?**

Review dates that the modules will be offered in 2009-10.

**Master Teacher of Economics Schedule**

	<b>Mississippi State University</b>	<b>Mississippi College</b>	<b>University of Southern Mississippi</b>
<b>Fall 2009</b>			
<i>Note, you must begin an MTE program with the Fundamental Module, others can be completed in <b>any order</b>.</i>			
Fundamental Economics	Saturday, October 17th	Saturday, October 31st	Saturday, October 24th
Microeconomics	Saturday, November 21	Saturday, November 21st	Saturday, November 14th
Macroeconomics	Saturday, December 5th	Saturday, December 12th	Saturday, December 12th
International Economics	Saturday, January 16th	Saturday, January 16th	Saturday, January 30th
Personal Finance	Saturday, January 30th	Saturday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, February 6th
<b>Spring 2010</b>			
Fundamental Economics	Saturday, February 6th	Saturday, February 13th	Saturday, February 20th
Microeconomics	Saturday, March 6th	Saturday, March 27th	Saturday, March 13
Macroeconomics	Saturday, April 10th	Saturday, April 17th	Saturday, April 17th
International Economics	Saturday, April 24th	Saturday, May 1st	Saturday, May 1st
Personal Finance	Saturday, May 22	Saturday, May 15th	Saturday, May 15th

Note: Summer Immersion weeks in 2010 to be announced.

Complete and submit the following application **no later than January 15, 2010** for spring 2010 programming to the Mississippi Council on Economic Education.



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**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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Once accepted, candidates may attend the modules at any location. Please indicate the location you wish to attend for the first module by circling one: MC MSU USM**