The Mississippi State University Writing/Thinking Project, as an affiliate of the National Writing Project, is an authorized program of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

WHAT FORMER FELLOWS SAY ABOUT SUMMER INSTITUTE

“By far, the best thing I ever did for my career.”

“My teaching practice went to a whole new level.”

“The Summer Institute experience was like a rebirth for me as a teacher.”

“I gained many new strategies to take back to my classroom.”

“Participating in peer response groups allowed me to fully begin to see myself as a writer and a teacher of writing.”

SUMMER 2010 SCHEDULE

This year’s Invitational Summer Institute will begin with an orientation session on May 15, 2010, followed by the four week summer session June 1 through June 30 on the MSU campus. Part of our program this summer will include a state-wide writing conference sponsored by the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute on June 11 and 12 in Natchez, Mississippi.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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A Writer Makes the Best Teacher of Writing

WHAT IS SUMMER INSTITUTE?
Four weeks and one Saturday of Writing together
Reading professional literature
Sharing classroom expertise
Teacher Inquiry
Emerging as teachers of other teachers

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
Teachers of writing
Teachers who want to promote learning
All teachers

WHAT DO I HAVE TO OFFER?
My experience as a classroom teacher
My expertise in using writing and reading as learning tools

WHAT CAN THE INSTITUTE OFFER ME?
Six hours of graduate credit
Stipend to cover tuition
New teaching strategies
Opportunities for inquiry
Networking
Rejuvenation
Recognition as a teacher leader
On-Campus housing if needed

HOW DO I APPLY?
Complete the application form and written response and mail to MSUWTP, PO Box 9509, Mississippi State, MS 33762 or fax to 662-325-8887 by March 1, 2010.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

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Principal Name

Names, positions, and phone numbers of two references we may contact:
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2. 

School Name
School Address
School Phone

If selected to participate, I authorize MSU Writing/Thinking Project staff to release information about my participation in the Summer Institute and future inservice programs to appropriate media, school officials, the National Writing Project, and other appropriate persons.

Signature/Date

SUBMISSION INFORMATION
In addition to this form, please respond to the following questions. You may write in letter format and send your responses with your application.

1. Describe the students you currently work with and their writing strengths and challenges.

2. Briefly describe an approach to teaching writing, or a sequenced writing assignment, or an approach to using writing as a learning tool to teach concepts or ideas, that has been successful for your students.

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