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ACTE Region V Fellowship Program

Development of leadership is extremely important to the continued growth and strength of the Alaska ACTE. Your officer team and conference planners have worked hard to re-energize the Professional Development Conference over the past few years. Members who have attended are aware of the increased number of teacher training opportunities and quality national speakers. However, if we are to keep our momentum for the conference and to expand into a more defined CTE leadership role for Alaska, the time for building our capacity has arrived.

Region V of the Association for Career and Technical Education has announced the opportunity for members to participate in the Region V Fellowship Program. The goal of this project is to develop leadership for CTE members.

The Fellowship Program provides an opportunity to become familiar with and participate in the

processes used by policy makers in the development and implementation of laws, regulations, and other public policies at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition, the fellowship experience will assist individuals in further developing their leadership skills in career and technical education and their involvement in professional associations. The program will also serve as a "Train the Trainer" program where participants return to their host state to implement the fellowship program. It is our association's hope to have this leadership training provided at the 2006 Professional Development Conference.

Region V will be selecting no more than three participants for this coming year. To be included there is an application process and form to be completed. You must have a signature of endorsement from your local district and from the AACTE President. There is some required travel. If you are selected, Region V would offer \$1,000 for expenses. Also at the AACTE business meeting last Friday, it was decided that our state association would also provide \$1,000, which could be used by the district, if needed, for substitutes or travel. The local district is also asked to help finance this effort. The deadline for the Region V application is January 15, 2006.

Please review the attached memo from the Region V Vice-President Kathleen Lopp for more information. If you are interested in this opportunity for growing your own leadership skills as well as stepping out to improve the state association, please let me know by December 15 so that there is ample time to finalize your application. I would also encourage you to have the conversation within your district to identify others who might serve in this capacity.

If you have questions, please let me know. My telephone number is 907-746-9281 and my e-mail is kathlynn.frost@matsuk12.us.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Kathlynn Frost, President-Elect



DATE: October 21, 2005
TO: ACTE REGION V MEMBERS
FROM: KATHLEEN LOPP, ACTE REGION V VICE-PRESIDENT
RE: ACTE REGION V LEADERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Once again, the Association for Career and Technical Education Region V is pleased to announce an opportunity to participate in the Region V Fellowship Program to promote Career and Technical education, and to provide an understanding of policies related to Career and Technical education in our Region today.

The following information describes the goals, objectives and responsibilities of the Fellows. ACTE Region V will cover \$1000 of out of state travel costs.

There will be at least one in-service session for the purpose of training the Fellows for the activities they will perform. However, additional training and planning sessions may be necessary as requirements for each activity may vary.

The 2005/2006 Fellows will be identified by a committee composed of the Region V Policy Committee and a selection committee. No more than three new Fellows will be selected. The decision for the Fellowship appointments will be based on an evaluation scale to be developed by this committee. The keys will be on the Fellows ability to participate, the support of local administration, and the narrative part of the fellowship proposal. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview session with the selection committee.

Region V encourages local school districts and State Associations to support a candidate(s) for this fellowship program. ACTE Region V will provide \$1000.00 per fellow candidate for travel to the orientation in Mandan North Dakota. Any balance of the \$1000 may be used for other Fellowship activities. Districts and/or State Associations will be committing to financially sponsoring a participant in the fellowship program. The submitting district and/or State Association will agree that this is a candidate they will sponsor and final agreement for selection will be at the discretion of the ACTE Region V Fellowship selection committee.

GOAL

The purpose of this project is to establish a leadership development program for Career and Technical educators in ACTE Region V. This fellowship program will provide an opportunity for career and technical educators to become familiar with and participate in the processes used by policy makers in the development and implementation of laws, regulations, and other public policies at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, this fellowship experience will assist individuals in further developing their leadership skills in Career and Technical Education, and their involvement in professional associations. The program will also serve as a Train the Trainer program where participants will return to their host state and implement the fellowship program.

CRITERIA

Fellowships are limited to ACTE Region V members who have at least one year of work in Career and Technical Education. Applicants must have the support of their district and State Association, with a signature from their supervisor and State Association President or Executive Director. Fellows will be asked for a three-year commitment, with one year of intensive involvement. Second and Third year Fellows are asked to serve on an ACTE Region V committee, or run for an State Association office. Fellows will also be expected to implement the fellowship program in their state.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Required Local activities shall include;

- Initial training session; April 26, 2006; Omaha Nebraska 9:00am – noon. Region V will provide \$1000.00 per individual Fellow towards travel expenses. Selected Fellows will be required to make their own travel arrangements to Nebraska.
- Give a report/presentation at the Region V in Arizona Conference, 2007.
- Submit a written report on Fellowship activities at the Arizona Region V Conference in 2007.

Other suggested Local activities;

- Attend/visit the State Legislature
 - Attend a session of either the House, Senate or Joint Education Committee
 - Attend a State Board of Education session
 - Attend a session of the State Community College Board meeting
 - Attend a local school or city council/board meeting
 - Invite a legislator/school board member/city official to visit your program
 - Write letters for a specific issue to legislators/school board member asking for specific action on a particular issue or bill.
 - Meet with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- National Activities may include;
- Attend the ACTE Policy Seminar in Washington D.C.; March 2006
 - Attend the ACTE Region V Conference in Omaha, Nebraska; April 2006
 - Attend the 2006 ACTE Conference

Continuing Fellows will also commit to the following:

1. Make a presentation at the Region V Conference.
2. Report to their respective State Association Conference.
3. Be a member of an ACTE Region V committee, or run for a State Association officer position.
4. Correspond with their Congressional Representatives and local State Legislators expressing their views on issues affecting Career and Technical Education.
5. Mentor additional Fellows in succeeding years' programs.
6. Train at least one Freshman Fellow from your home state.

Applicants shall submit;

1. A completed application form.
2. A one-page letter of application expressing your interest in and commitment to serving as a Fellow.
3. A one page statement on the issues that you believe are most profoundly affecting Career and Technical Education in your district, the state, or the country today.
4. A detailed resume.
5. A letter of support from your principal or immediate supervisor.
6. A letter of support from your State Association President or Executive Director.

Please send your completed application packet to:

Diane Eddperson
1021 S. Greenfield #1036
Mesa AZ 85206
Diane_Epperson@gilbert.k12.az.us

Application packets must be received by January 15, 2006. Successful applicants will notified by January 31, 2006.
For questions, please contact Diane Epperson at 480-926-1433..

ACTE REGION V LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

WORK LOCATION _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

WORK TELEPHONE _____ HOME TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ E-MAIL _____

FAX NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

WHAT SUBJECT(S) TO YOU CURRENTLY TEACH/ADMINISTRATE? _____

LIST AND DESCRIBE ANY LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION _____

LIST ANY OTHER LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES _____

The commitments required for participation in the Fellowship process are described in this application. Your signature below will indicate that you have read and agree with the commitments. Any deviation from the agreed activities may result in your dismissal from the Fellowship program.

Signed _____ Date _____

Institutions are being asked to support substitute costs for five to seven release days, and possible additional local travel costs. A signature below will be required from an immediate supervisor who can assure that the LEA will provide a substitute and time away from the work location. Include your title with your signature.

Signed _____ Date _____

Title _____

You may use additional paper as needed.