

West Tennessee Writing Project

Application for Invitational Institute: May 17 and June 2 – June 26, 2008

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____
(street)

(town) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____
School _____ Principal _____

School Address _____ Phone _____

e-mail: _____ FAX: _____

Education:

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

Fields of Study: _____

Teaching Experience:

A. List in order, beginning with current year, the teaching positions you have held and the number of years in each school:

Name of School	Grade	Subjects Taught Number of Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. List courses, workshops, and conferences you have participated in that focused on the teaching of reading or writing:

	Date or Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. Check the professional groups to which you belong:

Tennessee Council of Teachers of English National Council of Teachers of English

Local chapter of International Reading Assn. International Reading Association

Other (list) _____

D. Please list your leadership responsibilities, such as department chair or committee responsibilities, at school or within your system:

E. Do you have access to computer and printer? yes no

Do you have access to e-mail and Internet? yes no

(Note: Teachers must have working e-mail addresses and Internet access to be considered for participation.)

Respond briefly to each of the following questions:

1. Why do you (or don't you) enjoy reading? What do you read?

2. Why do you (or don't you) enjoy writing? What do you write?

3. What are the two greatest problems you have encountered in teaching students to become more fluent readers and stronger writers?

3. What strategy—for teaching your students either to read with more fluency and comprehension, or to become stronger writers—would you feel comfortable sharing with the community of summer institute teachers?

4. What else would you like to tell us about your reading-writing classroom that would help us know your teaching strengths?

We ask applicants to come to the UTM campus to visit with the project director, WTWP teachers, and other applicants about reading, writing, and teaching. Please indicate which days (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) suit you best. These will be after school. WTWP office will confirm the day and time. If you are unable to meet during these times, e-mail the director to make a different appointment: dcarithers@utm.edu

_____ Tues. Feb. 26, 2008
 _____ Tues. March 4, 2008

_____ Thurs. March 6, 2008

Early applications are encouraged. Return all application materials by February 22, 2008 to:

**David Carithers, Director
 West Tennessee Writing Project
 131 E Humanities Building
 209 Hurt St.
 The University of Tennessee at Martin
 Martin, TN 38238**

(Note: If you are invited to participate in the summer institute, you must apply for admission to graduate studies at UTM. If you need a graduate application, print one from the graduate studies web page: <http://www.utm.edu/grad.php>, request one from WTWP, 731.881.7290, or contact the graduate office, 731.881.7012.)

**Recommendation for Invitational Institute, May 17 and June 2-26, 2008
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL

Teacher Applicant's Name _____

1. To what extent can you recommend this applicant as a strong teacher and one who works well with colleagues?

2. Participants are expected to facilitate in-service programs during the 2008-2009 school year. Indicate how you would propose satisfying this requirement.

3. Indicate how the West Tennessee Writing Project could support your goals with regard to the teaching of reading and writing in your school.

4. If this teacher were to be selected for the West Tennessee Writing Project, Reading-Writing Institute, to what extent would you be able to provide release time during the school year 2008-2009 for your teacher to consult with other teachers about the teaching of reading and writing?

Your Signature _____ Date _____ Your School _____

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