



Bridging the Gap between Classroom, Community and Commerce



Why WestTeach?

WestTeach is a five-day development program for teachers in the 21 counties of West Tennessee. Throughout the program, teachers will gain insight into the economic needs and opportunities in West Tennessee, build links with industry and community leaders and get an out-of-the-classroom view of students' lives from community child resource agents.

WestTeach Mission

The WestTeach mission is to engage and equip West Tennessee teachers with tools and leadership skills for success in and outside the classroom.



The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community-minded people who want to become more involved, want to help West Tennessee become a better place, and are willing to accept assertive and dynamic leadership roles. WestStar is committed to advancing the regional and global community through outreach and community/public service endeavors.

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Selection Criteria

Applicants must be K-12 teachers who aspire to stay in the classroom but want to be leaders in their schools. They should be nominated by their Principal and the Director/Superintendent of Schools. Selection is also based on leadership achievements and potential to contribute to the region's educational system.

Application Process

Applicants must submit their application with a letter of recommendation from their Principal and Director/Superintendent of Schools. Applications are reviewed and selected by the WestTeach Leadership Steering Committee. One teacher per school district will be selected with a maximum of 30 members per class. Applications can be found online at utm.edu/westteach.

Cost

Tuition for WestTeach is \$250. Tuition must be paid by the participant or their school system prior to the first session. Upon graduation, each teacher will be given a \$100 gift card to be used for their classroom.

Program Topics

West Tennessee Agriculture
Entrepreneurship in West Tennessee
The Humanity of Leadership
Education: Creating Partnership for Economic Development
Industry Tours / Building Communities
Graduation Banquet

Dates & Location

August 27 | Martin
August 28 | Union City
September 23 | Jackson
October 22 | Dyersburg
November 19 | Brownsville
December 17, 2020

Testimonial

"I wish everyone could be a part of this amazing program. I've made life long friends and great memories. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of WestTeach." - Autumn Ratliff



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