



The World Affairs Councils of America and The Peoria Area World Affairs Council

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in teaching about Turkey and participating in the Turkey Study Tour for Teachers. The tour is sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation and made possible by the World Affairs Council of America and the Peoria Area World Affairs Council. It is just one component of a multi-pronged effort to bring information about Turkish culture to students.

This fascinating part of the world is known as a “bridge between East and West”. Modern Turkey, with all its richness and complexities, as well Turkey’s centuries old history and cultural traditions, are often unknown to Americans. To address this gap, the Turkish Cultural Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America have developed a three-part program on Turkey, with a special emphasis on Turkish culture, for the American public and, particularly, for American students and teachers.

The first part of the program is a Workshop for Teachers, April 16, 2011. Teachers **must** attend the workshop in order to participate in the Study Tour, the second part of the program. There will be two Study Tours during the summer of 2011, each of approximately 30 teachers selected from participating World Affairs Councils around the United States. The third and final portion of the program consists of programs highlighting Turkish culture and history open to the communities of the participating councils during the fall of 2011. Teachers participating in the Study Tour are expected to participate in developing these programs.

The enclosed packet contains the application for the Study Tour. Please submit all materials by **April 4, 2011**. Finalists will be notified shortly thereafter. Three teachers will be selected.

Please note that in order to apply, you must meet these eligibility criteria:

- Currently employed full-time as a classroom humanities, art, or literature teacher or media specialist in a 6-12 school in Central Illinois (or bordering region) and will be employed full-time as a classroom teacher or media specialist in a 6-12 school next year;
- Possess a valid U.S. passport and/or ability to acquire a U.S. passport upon notification of acceptance for the trip;
- Willing and able to provide the \$600 registration fee, toward the cost of the trip and travel to New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, or Washington, DC (the Turkish Airlines departure cities- participants are designated a city by TCF) on your own expense. In addition to these expenses, teachers are advised by the Turkish Cultural Foundation to budget approx. \$100 for tips to guides and drivers and approx.\$25 for visa fees;
- Has not lived in or travelled to Turkey during the past seven years.

For more information, please contact Angela Weck at PAWAC: (309) 677-2454 or pawac@bradley.edu.

Complete and send application to: **Angela Weck, PAWAC, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.** Please type or print clearly.

SECTION 1 – Applicant Information

Full Name (AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (Last | First | M.I.) |

Address: _____

(Street Address, Apt/Unit #, City, State ZIP Code)

E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home/cell phone: _____

Name & Location of School: _____

Courses & Grades Taught: _____

Passport Number: _____

Have you traveled in the past two years through a grant, fellowship, or similar program? If so, tell us about it and how it has impacted your teaching?

SECTION 2 – Essay questions

Instructions: Please type your response to the following questions and attach your responses to this application form.

1. Why do you want to be a part of this Study Tour?
2. Describe your school’s access to and use of multicultural resources, and support for instruction that has a worldview beyond the U.S. perspective.

SECTION 3 – Project Concept

Instructions: Please outline the projects that you plan to develop to translate your study tour experiences for classroom use and how you plan to bring Turkish culture to your students. Please indicate what resources you have available and any concerns or considerations you believe you would need to address in order to insure successful implementation. Be sure to mention specific elements of Turkish culture that are particularly interesting to you.

SECTION 4 – Statement of Support

Instructions: This section is to be completed by your IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR ONLY.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

1. Supervisor's name: _____ (include Prefix Dr./Mr./Ms.)

2. Official title: _____

3. Applicant's name: _____

4. I certify that the applicant is employed full-time as a sixth through twelfth grade teacher. I also certify that as the applicant's supervisor, he/she would have my full support in implementing his/her collaborative project with assistance from Peoria Area World Affairs Council staff upon return.

5. I have read the applicant's Project Concept and support the direction and goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 5 – Statement of Commitment

Instructions: This section is to be reviewed and signed by you, the applicant.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I certify that I will commit to the following activities following the Study Tour:

1. Assist with the fall 2011 community programs by facilitating a workshop session, providing input for the series, and helping to engage other participants.
2. Administer the projects described in my “Project Concept” or some variation (developed on return from Turkey) agreed to by your administrator and approved by Peoria Area World Affairs Council staff.
3. Allow Peoria Area World Affairs Council staff to assist me as a support/co-facilitator of the above project.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 6 – References

Instructions: Please give the attached reference forms to two colleagues. You may submit their sealed envelopes with your other application materials.

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM - IMPORTANT

Upon completion, please return to the applicant in an envelope signed across the seal.

Name of applicant:

Name of referee:

Title/relationship:

Referee phone number:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please give your candid opinion of: (1) the applicant's professional qualifications, (2) motivation, and (3) your assessment of his/her capability to work in a very different cultural environment. (Please use additional sheet if necessary):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Or you may mail to: Angela Weck, Peoria Area World Affairs Council, 1501 West Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625. For questions, please call (309) 693-0462 or e-mail at pawac@bradley.edu.

