

STATE HOUSE EXPRESS



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Grants Available to Fund
Class Trips to the NJ State House

Democracy - Give your students a front row seat.

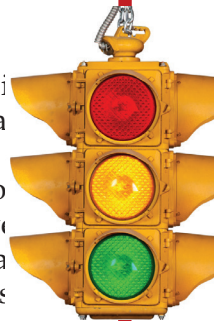
This small grants program provides awards of up to \$350 to eligible middle schools and high schools to encourage greater participation in the American political system. The grants are intended to help fund bus rental costs for class field trips to the State House in Trenton for special guided tours and first-hand examination of the legislature's role in our system of representative democracy. Awards are generally \$300; schools in Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Passaic, Salem, and Sussex Counties are eligible for \$350 grants due to their distances from Trenton.

Teachers may submit applications for the 2017-2018 program to Eagleton at any time during the academic year. Awards are made on a rolling basis, with decisions made as soon as the applications are received.

Please Note: While the executive portion of the State House is closed for renovation, the beautifully restored legislative area is open for tours. Weekday tours begin in the adjoining Welcome Center. Students will learn about our Capitol's evolution from a simple rubble-stone structure in 1792 to the impressive architectural monument of today. Please note that since this is a working capitol, room availability may be affected by business needs or security concerns.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Middle and high-school students only (grades 6-12).
- Tour groups must consist of a minimum of 25 students.
- All tours must be scheduled and completed during the 2017-2018 academic year (September 2017-June 2018).
- Teachers of students in grades 6-12 in public and private schools are encouraged to apply, including those who have received awards in the past. Individual teachers are eligible each year. In special circumstances, separate grants may be awarded to different teachers in the same school.
- Other school groups or organizations who do not meet the exact criteria specified above may also apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



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