



American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education

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Dr. Vida Gavin, President

The Integration of Technology Into the Curriculum

CALL FOR PROPOSALS Summer 2011

A.P.P.L.E., in partnership with the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, is planning the twenty-first summer of in-service programs for Lithuanian educators, school social workers, administrators, and other school personnel. We invite you to consider joining us in this challenging and rewarding endeavor in sharing educational ideas with our Lithuanian colleagues.

The Mission Statement of our organization states: The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society.

If you would like more information about A.P.P.L.E. and its goals, please visit our web page at www.applequest.org. Please feel free to telephone the Assistant to the President, Shirley Sabo, at 203/758-4600 with any questions or concerns related to A.P.P.L.E.

Applications **MUST** be submitted by the December 20th Deadline if you are interested in participating in our Summer 2011 Sessions

What types of programs does A.P.P.L.E. offer?

1. Summer 2011 Seminars, two, one-week sessions, are designed for teachers, administrators, librarians, social workers, and other educational personnel (July 11-15 and July 18 –July 22). Each weeklong Summer Seminar is repeated during the second week for a new group of participants. At this point, the Educational Development Center is working to identify the location of the summer lectures. They will be held outside of Vilnius, the capital city; lodging will be provided for lecturers prior to our departure to the selected sites for the seminars. If you are interested in applying to the program, we will let you know at the time of acceptance exactly which site has been

selected for the Summer Seminars. Accommodations prior to the seminars and a day after the seminars will be provided for volunteers.

2. Dr. Algirdas Grigonis Program (Special Education Presentations) organized for special education personnel around the country by the Kaunas Region Special Educators' and Parents' Association (July 11– July 22 or July 11– July 29). If you are interested in volunteering in this program, you will fly into Vilnius and be housed for a day or two prior to leaving for the target location. This program may include working in different locations during the two weeks. Volunteers will return to Vilnius and be housed there a day prior to their departure.
3. Camp Viltis Program Offered in conjunction with the Viltis (Hope) organization, this program serves students with disabilities and their families, teachers, social workers, and therapists (July 11–July 22). This unique program takes place in Giruliai, along the Baltic Sea. Participants in this program are asked to commit to being part of the entire camp experience. They work with teachers in learning strategies and techniques for working with students with disabilities. Part of each day includes working with the children who are camp participants to implement their learning. Volunteers to the Camp Viltis Program will have accommodations in Vilnius a day or two prior to their departure to the Camp and also on their return to Vilnius.

Who should apply?

Lecturers may be preschool, elementary, and secondary and/or Special Education teachers holding the equivalent of a master's degree; who have demonstrated excellence in teaching. As needs have changed, we also find that college or university faculty with specific expertise and excellent teaching skills are needed. We also welcome a wide variety of specialists, including social workers, psychologists, counselors, health care professionals, librarians, computer specialists, and others. We are seeking teachers and other professionals who are prepared to share their knowledge of and ready to demonstrate their expertise in current theory and practices related to this summer's theme: The Integration of Technology Into the Curriculum..

Which topics are of particular interest?

Each year A.P.P.L.E. focuses on a specific topic related to education. Previous themes have included cooperative learning, moral development, critical thinking, integrated curriculum, action research, assessment, brain research, services for at-risk students, the social context of education, and education for sustainable development.

The theme for the summer of 2011 is: The Integration of Technology Into the Curriculum. At the completion of the 2010 Seminars, members of the Ministry of Education and Science; the Educational Development Center and A.P.P.L.E. considered a number of topics for the theme for 2011. It was decided to focus seminars and workshops on The Integration of Technology Into the Curriculum to encourage teachers, administrators and staff to better understand how technology can be incorporated into the curriculum in all content areas. We

anticipate that the location for our seminars will not be able to support computers for every session for the entire week, we will work with summer participants in a classroom with a computer and plan to also develop a schedule that will allow all strands to be able to work cooperatively in a computer lab for a portion of each seminar. We hope to attract lecturers who can be flexible in their modes of presentation. Many lecturers have recently brought their documents on flash drives so that participants can have copies of their materials. This has worked well. The vast majority of participants can read English, but many are not comfortable speaking in English. Limited materials for classes can be submitted once your proposal is accepted to allow for translation. There is a strict limit on materials that can be translated due to costs associated with translation.

Integrating Technology Into the Curriculum must utilize best practices in educational communities related to content methodology; differentiation of instruction; administrative methodologies; teaching strategies that reach all students; inquiry-based science and STEM topics; etc. Teaching should be grounded in scientific research based methods that promote teaching in diverse educational communities and learning for all learners.

We are especially interested in identifying lecturers who can address the summer theme for educators interested in the following topics: Administration; Mathematics; Sciences; EFL/ESL; the Arts; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Language Arts; Library Science; Special Education; and Technology.

Priority is given to programs that reflect the theme, but creative and innovative proposals relevant to current educational issues may also be considered.

How much time must I commit?

Participants in the Summer Seminars and Camp Viltis must make a two-week commitment. Lecturers in the Dr. Algirdas Grigonis Program (Special Education Program) may choose to participate for two or three weeks.

For programs beginning July 11th, we encourage lecturers to arrive in Lithuania by July 8th or 9th to get over “jet lag” and to prepare your classroom and materials and to travel to your teaching destination.

What are a faculty member’s responsibilities?

Strand is the A.P.P.L.E. term for a subject area such as elementary education, mathematics, science, social work, or school administration. Lecturers generally spend 6 hours per day engaged in teaching activities related to the strand topics. For lecturers teaching in English, actual teaching time is substantially shorter because of the time required for translation. Lecturers also may be asked to lead formal and informal discussion groups; present elective lectures or workshops on topics of educational and general interest; mingle with Lithuanian colleagues; and assist with evening activities. These informal gatherings are an important component of the A.P.P.L.E. Programs.

A.P.P.L.E. emphasizes cooperative teamwork in the educational experience, faculty meetings and planning sessions occur regularly during the summer sessions. All lecturers and translators must attend faculty meetings. Most evenings and weekends are free. Traditionally, we schedule a Lithuanian ethnographic performance or other event that we invite participants and lecturers to participate in. This presents an opportunity to get together with participants in an informal way.

A.P.P.L.E. participants are required to reside in the accommodations provided to our team by our Lithuanian partners—usually these are comfortable but very modest dormitory rooms.

How much should I expect to spend?

- All applicants chosen to become presenters are required to become members of the A.P.P.L.E. organization. Annual basic membership dues are \$25.
- Generally, airfare has ranged upward from \$1,200. Many lecturers have secured their own grants to help finance the trips and some have obtained assistance from their employers or through community or cultural organizations.
- Unless otherwise noted, lecturers who arrive more than two days earlier or depart more than two days later than the dates of their teaching assignments are responsible for costs of rooms and meals for the additional time. Meals may not be available on site until sessions begin. Generally, a brief walk will get you to a shop for food or to a restaurant.
- Lecturers must provide their own teaching materials. Limited materials may be submitted electronically for translation prior to arriving in Lithuania.
- Lecturers are encouraged to bring inexpensive gifts and souvenirs for local hosts and interpreters. Most classrooms do have PowerPoint capability. Copying is available in Lithuania, but whatever you can bring electronically will be useful to your students. They are quite comfortable reading in English.
- Traveling, seeing the sights, and touring the country during a weekend or free day are highly recommended—but individuals are responsible for costs related to these trips.

NOTE: We recommend you consult your tax advisor to determine if your out-of-pocket expenses may be tax-deductible.

What does A.P.P.L.E. cover?

A.P.P.L.E. provides interpreters, limited translation of handouts, office supplies, and duplication of materials while in Lithuania, as well as audio-visual equipment. The Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, local city councils, school boards, and A.P.P.L.E. subsidize in-country travel, room, and board. This includes most meals during the sessions, dormitory-style rooms, transportation to and from the airport and within the country, and a social event when possible. Lecturers in the Summer Seminars will be in Vilnius at the beginning and completion of their assignments. Program personnel are usually assigned to single rooms with a shared bathroom. When all lecturers are in Vilnius at the

beginning and end of our sessions we sometimes have to ask people to double up for a few nights during these transition periods.

When are the deadlines?

Proposals must be received by Monday, December 20, 2010. Proposals may be presented as a Two-Person Team Proposal, be sure to attach resumes for each member of the team.

A list of recommended presenters and topics will be presented to the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science and the Educational Development Center in early February, and final selection of 25-35 lecturers will be announced in late February.

Acceptance packets will be mailed in mid-March with a Consent Form that must be mailed in by the requested due date. The acceptance packet will also include material that will help you in planning for your seminar and in packing for your trip.

Standardized course descriptions must be submitted by the date requested for translation into Lithuanian. These will be then be used to advertise our Summer 2011 Program.

Where can I get additional information?

The A.P.P.L.E. web site, <http://www.applequest.org>, describes the organization, provides a glossary of terms, and offers photographs and descriptions of seminars in previous years. In addition, the following officers will be delighted to provide more information about this program:

Dr. Vida Gavin
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Email: vidagavin@yahoo.com
Phone: 774-722-3732

Mrs. Shirley Sabo
Administrative Assistant to the President
Email: SMSabo@aol.com
Phone: 203-758-4600

How do I apply?

Your application packet consists of the following documents:

1. A signed application form (for each person if a team is submitting jointly)
2. A current résumé or curriculum vitae for each lecturer
3. A one-page proposal that describes program content; presents goals for the seminar; lists teaching methods; summarizes lesson plans; and reviews educational activities
4. A letter of professional recommendation (first-time applicants only)

Send one copy of your completed application packet to each of the following, early enough to arrive no later than December 20th, 2010:

1.
Mrs. Shirley Sabo
118 Cook Road
Prospect, CT 06712

2.
Dr. Katherine M. Dunlap
P. O. Box 626
Star, NC 27356-0626

3.
Dr. Vida S. Gavin
P.O. Box 454
Chatham, MA 02633

You may apply on-line at www.applequest.org:

Click on Call for Proposals on the index page and you will find this letter and a link to the application form. All electronically filed proposals must be submitted no later than December 20th, 2010. Please send any information you cannot submit electronically via regular mail to the three people identified previously.

If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of the application, please contact Mrs. Shirley Sabo by phone at 1-203-758-4600. Mrs. Sabo has been with A.P.P.L.E. for many years and is glad to discuss anything related to your potential participation.

Faculty/Staff Position

Name:

Preferred Mailing Address:

Employer:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Home Fax:

Work Fax:

Primary Email:

Secondary Email (optional):

Please check the program for which you are applying:

- ~ Summer Seminars (two weeks: July 11–July 22)
- ~ Dr. Algirdas Grigonis Program (Special Education) (two weeks: July 11–22)
- ~ Dr. Algirdas Grigonis Program (three weeks: July 11–July 29)
- ~ Camp Viltis (two weeks: July 11–July 22)

Is this your first experience with A.P.P.L.E.?

- ~ Yes
- ~ No

Please check one:

- ~ I am a fluent speaker of Lithuanian and I will be teaching in the Lithuanian language.
- ~ I will be teaching in English through an interpreter.

Special Needs or Requests: Please identify any food restrictions or allergies. Also if you have a medical condition, please note it in this section. If you require any medication, please travel with it in your carry on luggage.

Materials: Please identify any materials you will need for your seminar.

Signature: _____

Date: _____