

III. To comply with the National Endowment for the Arts requirements please read the following information for teachers participating in the African Art Institute.

The goal of this project is to provide you with the opportunity to develop a deeper and richer understanding of West African art through the development of knowledge, skills, and materials necessary to engage your students in learning about African arts consistent with state and national art education standards.

The outcome will be that you will know the functions, history, cultural meanings, and manufacturing processes of the artwork, and will be able to explain and demonstrate their traditional and contemporary uses in the cultural context.

You will take back to your classroom materials, tools, and artwork, some of which you have made and some made by the Ghanaians (pottery, bronze, glass beads, kente, and adinkra), to share with your colleagues and communities for teaching, demonstration, and exhibit. In addition, you will produce and share appropriate lesson plans to teach about these arts in respectful, holistic, culturally meaningful ways. These curriculum materials will be compiled and made available for all participants to use.

The more intangible outcome will be the development of a deeper appreciation of artistic and cultural diversity. This institute will provide not only an extraordinary opportunity for you to learn the socio-cultural functions of these ancient yet still living arts, but also the priceless opportunity of cultural and personal interchange with authentic traditional artisans who have spent their lives in practicing their arts in traditional villages, experiences that will inform and enrich their teaching.

Participants can receive at no additional cost a Certificate of Professional Development for the institute. Those seeking college credit have 2 options:

1. Three hours of undergraduate credit from Hutchinson Community College, AR160 Art Workshop/African Art Institute, for \$237. To register send an email to prestonte@hutchcc.edu
2. Three hours graduate credit from Northern Kentucky University, to register see <http://gradschool.nku.edu/admissions/forms/php> You will register for the Fall 2011 semester. (Please keep in mind that you will not receive credit for the course until December, 2011, and until all your follow-up materials have been submitted and graded).