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**Deadline Reminder: Entries Are Due March 10  
For American Civic Education Teacher Awards**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – March 10 is the application deadline for instructors who wish to be considered for the 2007 American Civic Education Teacher Awards (ACETA).

The Awards are given annually to elementary and secondary teachers of civics, government and related fields who have demonstrated special expertise and dynamism in motivating students to learn about Congress, the Constitution, and public policy.

The ACETA program is jointly sponsored by the Center on Congress at Indiana University, the Center for Civic Education, and the National Education Association.

Each year the ACETA program selects and showcases three teachers who are doing exemplary work in preparing young people to become informed and engaged citizens. Applicants must be full-time classroom teachers of grades K-12. The honored teachers will travel twice to Washington, D.C., to attend special activities in connection with the ACETA program. Awardees' travel and lodging expenses are provided by the sponsoring organizations.

Applications for the 2007 Awards must be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 10. There is no fee to apply. In addition to a two-page "self-portrait" essay, applicants must submit three letters of recommendation -- two from teaching peers and one from their school principal. The application form is at [www.centeroncongress.org](http://www.centeroncongress.org)

In July the ACETA winners will participate in a three-day educational program in the nation's capital involving the Office of the Historian of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Historical Office of the U.S. Senate. The awardees will attend floor sessions and committee hearings in Congress, meet members of Congress and other key officials, and visit sites such as the National Archives and the U.S. Supreme Court.

The awardees will be recognized during the Congressional Conference on Civic Education, to be held Sept. 22-24 in Washington.

**About the Center**

The ACETA program is part of the Center on Congress' extensive array of civic education activities and resources, including: print publications; interactive online learning tools;

commentaries for newspapers, radio stations, podcasts and a Web log; video and television in the classroom resources; survey research; and seminars, conferences, and a lecture series.

The Center is a non-partisan, educational institution established in 1999 to help improve the public's understanding of Congress and to encourage civic engagement. The Center's director is Lee Hamilton, who served southern Indiana in the U.S. House from 1965 to 1999.

The Center developed out of Hamilton's recognition during his 34 years in Congress the public should be more familiar with the institution's strengths and weaknesses, its role in our system of government, and its impact on the lives of ordinary people every day.

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