

**Topical Heading**

Civics

**Program Title**

# We the People Program

**Also Known as**

Civic Education

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.304C; 84.929A

**Administering Office**

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

By law, only the Center for Civic Education is eligible for the majority of the funds (# 84.929A).

**Current Competitions**

FY 2007 application deadline: To be determined.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Type of Assistance (specifically)**

Noncompetitive grant for the Center for Civic Education.

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2005 \$17,211,200

Fiscal Year 2006 \$17,038,890

Fiscal Year 2007 \$17,038,890

**Fiscal Year 2007 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1–3

Average New Award: \$1,000,000 Range of New Awards: \$500,000–\$1,500,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Note: FY 2007 funds also support a sole source award to the Center for Civic Education.

**Legislative Citation**

*Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title II, Part C, Subpart 3, Secs. 2341–2344; 20 U.S.C. 6711–6714*

**Program Regulations**

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**Program Description**

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is an instructional program on the principles of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights for elementary, middle, and high school students. The program goal is to promote understanding of the principles and values on which our political institutions are based. The We the People program is administered through a national network of coordinators. The program is available to public and private elementary and secondary schools in congressional districts, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Types of Projects**

Participating schools implement a curriculum that focuses on promoting citizenship and increasing students' understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Activities include simulated congressional hearings with community members as judges and an annual national competition in which secondary student teams compete

in simulated congressional hearings. Other programs administered under We the People include Project Citizen and the School Violence Prevention Demonstration.

**Education Level (by category)**

K-12

**Subject Index**

Civics, Federal Government, Government (Administrative Body)

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/wethepeople/index.html>