

Public Law 108–474  
108th Congress

An Act

Dec. 21, 2004  
[H.R. 5360]

To authorize grants to establish academies for teachers and students of American history and civics, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

American History  
and Civics  
Education Act of  
2004.  
20 USC 6713  
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**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “American History and Civics Education Act of 2004”.

**SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIES FOR TEACHING OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS; CONGRESSIONAL ACADEMIES FOR STUDENTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Education (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may award not more than 12 grants, on a competitive basis—

(1) to entities to establish Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics that may offer workshops for both veteran and new teachers of American history and civics; and

(2) to entities to establish Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics.

(b) **APPLICATION.**—An entity that desires to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) **DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE.**—The Secretary shall require that each entity, to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, demonstrate expertise in historical methodology or the teaching of history.

(d) **AVAILABLE FUNDS.**—To carry out this section, the Secretary may use any funds appropriated for fiscal year 2005 or any subsequent fiscal year to carry out part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241 et seq.).

**SEC. 3. NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM.**

20 USC 6713  
note.

The Secretary may award grants to the National History Day Program for the purpose of continuing and expanding its activities to promote the study of history and improve instruction.

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