



Presentations for Tuesday, November 30, 2021
******All times listed are in Central Time******

Youth Development in Civic Education/Engagement

1:30 PM – Civics Unplugged

Students participate in a three-month leadership program that trains thousands of high schoolers annually in fundamentals of personal development, systems thinking, and civic literacy. We serve hundreds of students from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico each year. We empower leaders who have a deep understanding of the system's intricacies, historical context, and their unique potential to enact change. After the Fellowship, we provide them financial support to launch civic education initiatives in their local communities.

Presenter: Josh Thompson

Ask: \$ 20,000

1:45 PM – American Legion Texas Boys State

American Legion Texas Boys State provides government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program ("learn by doing") where each student becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government. Participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, and the duties and the responsibilities, of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical, with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Presenter: Casey Thomas

Ask: \$ 75,000

2:00 PM – Values Through History

Individual self-governance is essential to a democratic republic. Our curriculum engages students in our nation's founding history, the principles of American self-government, and habits of good citizenship. Students learn and daily apply Immanuel Kant's Test of the Universal Law, building strong habits of principled self-governance and creating laws for their classroom. We seek funding so Kant himself (highest quality video of an outstanding character actor) can capture and excite students as he teaches the technique.

Presenter: Donna Passmore

Ask: \$45,000

2:15 PM – American Legion Auxiliary Texas Girls State

ALA Texas Girls State educates Texas high school students in the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship. Our goal is to teach that a well-informed,

participating citizenry is vital to protecting and preserving our democracy. At Texas Girls State, the young citizens “learn by doing.” They organize their own government. They elect their own officials. They introduce and debate their own bills in a legislature. They learn how they can participate in our democracy.

Presenter: Lori Swann

Ask: \$25,000

2:30 – BREAK

2:40 PM - Steamboat Institute

Fearless for freedom, Steamboat Institute enters the lion’s den of Texas campuses, engaging and persuading young people that our nation’s founding principles increase prosperity, freedom, and opportunity. Presenting hot-button issues with high-profile speakers in an entertaining atmosphere, SI’s Campus Liberty Tour debates at UT-Austin, Texas Tech and/or University of Dallas show students how robust but civilized debate and critical thinking are essential to preserving liberty and provide opportunities for Sumners Scholars to engage with speakers.

Presenter: Patrice Onwuka

Ask: \$25,000

2:55 PM – Wiley College

Wiley College’s Freedom to STREAM Summer Program afternoon sessions will focus on civic education as a foundation to build understanding of one’s civil significance in the community, the nation and the world. Using the theme “I Can Make a Difference” students will participate in deliberative forums and in civic engagement service learning projects that will provide them with first hand experiences of the importance of a participatory democracy.

Presenter: Sophia Marshall Chapman

Ask: \$15,000

3:10 PM - Independent Institute

The younger generations risk becoming increasingly dependent on the government—moving them away from personal and civic responsibility, virtues essential for preserving a republic. Thus, the Independent Institute launched two seasons of our YouTube series, Love Gov, which has inspired millions to question Big Government’s role in their lives. If awarded a grant, we would expand Love Gov’s message by completing our Third Season and share it with young people in Texas and beyond.

Presenter: Mary Theroux

Ask: \$35,000

3:25 PM – Nancy Lieberman Charities

The Lecture Series is for High Schools nationwide, touching on important topics aimed to give an understanding to young adults about our country’s core principles and policies.

Each program consists of an invited civic leader that talks to the junior and senior students along with invited Sumners Scholars for 1 hour. Every program concludes with a small discussion group with the keynote presenter and Sumners Scholars. Pre and Post surveys are sent to gather metrics.

Presenter: Nancy Lieberman

Ask: \$50,000

Presentations for Wednesday, December 1, 2020

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Democracy Reform

9:30 AM – American Promise

American Promise requests support to expand and deepen its Young Americans Civic Program in Texas and the “Search for our Next Constitutional Amendment” program. This initiative enlists younger generations in civic debate and discussion, provides political and legal mentorships, a connection to regional opportunities to positively interact with their government and the opportunity to engage with those with differing views. Ultimately this program serves as a model to be duplicated across the state and country.

Presenter: Jeff Clements

Ask: \$15,000

9:45 AM – Vote Smart

Vote Smart's powerful new tool Side-by-Side will allow all Americans to vet the political candidates who want their vote through direct comparisons of the candidates' records. Too often do we only hear self-serving rhetoric from campaigns and special interests about the best and worst of individual candidates. Side-by-Side will allow citizens to cut through that noise, line up the facts, and cast an informed vote.

Presenter: James Wypych

Ask: \$30,000

10:00 AM – Braver Angels Central Texas

Braver Angels Central Texas seeks \$45,000 to support healthy democracy and civic dialogue in Central Texas. We will focus on groups that have been a challenge to engage, including the “red”/conservative community, minorities, and young adults. Leveraging work of our national organization, we will customize and deliver 10 workshops/interactions targeting these underrepresented groups to encourage them to share their views civilly and expand the opportunities for meaningful dialogue between those with divergent views.

Presenter: Mike Seay

Ask: \$45,000

Teacher Training in Civic Education/Engagement

10:15 AM – American Civics and History Initiative

Americans neither know nor understand the political system bestowed by America's Founders. With the American Civics and History Initiative, three leading civics organizations—Ashbrook Center, Bill of Rights Institute, and the Jack Miller Center—have joined to provide thousands of secondary school teachers with professional development that will help teachers educate informed, patriotic citizens. Florida was our first state; Texas is next. We seek \$25,000 for our first coordinated Texas programs.

Presenter: David Bobb

Ask: \$25,000

10:30 AM BREAK

10:40 AM – National Archives

The National Archives Foundation, in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Education, seeks to expand our Primary Sources Pedagogy Digital Badging Program with Oklahoma educators. This program and its online collaborative Learning Community equips educators with tools and strategies to impact student learning, illustrating how to integrate primary source analysis into classroom practice, and develop individualized activities using primary sources within the National Archives making them accessible for students and aligned to their individual content.

Presenter: Valerie McVey

Ask: \$30,000

10:55 AM – Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will offer in-person and online delivery of its *Teaching Civics through History* program for Oklahoma and Texas educators as well as Sumners scholarship awardees. Delivered earlier this year with funding from the Sumners Foundation, this expanded program will prepare 75 educators to provide 10,500 students with historical roots of current and timely issues facing the nation and region while developing their civic voices.

Presenter: Tim Bailey

Ask: \$35,000

11:10 AM - BREAK

1:00 PM – Networking Event and Announcement of Grant Awards –