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APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE GEORGE NETHERCUTT FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Spokane, Wash. – The George Nethercutt Foundation is now accepting applications for the Class of 2009 Nethercutt Fellows. Applications are available online at www.nethercuttfoundation.org. The application deadline is October 31, 2008. All local college sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply.

The George Nethercutt Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to giving our nation's future leaders a greater understanding of the importance of civic education and involvement through a combination of academic learning and hands-on experience.

“Our nation is great, and our government unique,” states Nethercutt who served ten years as Washington State’s 5th District Representative. “But most of the graduates coming out of colleges and universities around our country don’t understand how it works. If we are to have truly strong and committed future leaders, those leaders need to understand how the United States has developed, historically, economically and socially.”

The education provided by the Nethercutt Fellowship program includes lectures, selected readings, and discussions. Topics will include the fundamental principles of the American economic system; the basics of political theory and current political developments; and constitutional law and principals.

One of the highlights of the program will be an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC. On this trip, students will visit the White House, tour the Senate and House of

Representatives, meet with Members of Congress, tour selected federal agencies, and meet with ranking government officials. Fellows will also have the opportunity to visit the institutions and monuments which reflect the sacrifice and leadership that have made our country great, including: the Supreme Court, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Washington Monument, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, the Pentagon and many other historic sights.

As the final component of the Nethercutt Fellowship, each student will spend time as an intern with a nonprofit organization in the community. Nethercutt Fellows will gain career experience in their individual areas of interest, while serving as an asset to local nonprofit entities by contributing their skills and energy to their internship experience.

If you would like more information about The George Nethercutt Foundation, or to schedule an interview with George Nethercutt, Jr. or a Nethercutt Fellow, please contact Shelly O'Quinn at 509-742-9362 or e-mail Shelly at soquinn@nethercuttfoundation.org.

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About The George Nethercutt Foundation

Mission

It is the purpose of The George Nethercutt Foundation to develop in young adults an understanding of government, business, public policy issues and civics, and to foster leadership qualities that will add value to their communities and create a new generation of principled leadership across America.

Program Overview

Each year, the Foundation identifies promising students in America to become Nethercutt Fellows. The program combines academic work in their college or university community; targeted on-site exposure to government, business and leadership in Washington, DC; and the opportunity to give back to their community through an internship with a local non-profit entity.

This unique opportunity offers Nethercutt Fellows national exposure, leadership training, high level mentoring and professional development not otherwise available to college students. All experiences from the program are designed to foster in young people an appreciation for the American system of government, the importance of a free society, and the obligations expected of citizens to perpetuate American ideals and principles of liberty.

Nethercutt Fellowship Program

Academic Learning

The academic program involves lectures from outstanding professors who are experts in the fields of economics, political science, Constitutional history and leadership development. Courses will also be a forum for students to meet and interact with

leaders in business, foreign affairs, government and politics in order to appreciate the benefits of living in a free country.

Course subjects will include:

- The fundamental principles of the American economic system
- The basics of political theory, political history and current political developments
- Constitutional law and principles

Washington, DC Experience

One of the highlights for the Nethercutt Fellows will be an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC. On this trip, students will visit the White House, the United States Capitol and tour the US Senate and US House of Representatives, meet with Members of Congress, tour selected federal agencies and meet with ranking government officials.

Fellows will also meet with major corporate leaders, trade association personnel and business representatives to get an inside look and receive information about the operations of the private sector's interaction with government. Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet with representatives of foreign governments and embassy personnel, including international institutional representatives like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Through this exposure, Fellows will return to their communities armed with knowledge of the mechanics of private and governmental organizations as well as first-hand insight in the workings of government, thereby serving as more valuable assets to business, educational, and civic interests in their community.

In addition, time will be set aside during the visit to see the institutions and monuments which reflect the sacrifice and leadership that have made our country great since its founding: the US Supreme Court, The Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the Washington Monument, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, the Pentagon and many other historical sites.

Internship

As the final component of the Nethercutt Fellowship program, each student will spend time as an intern with a nonprofit organization in their community. Nethercutt Fellows will gain career experience in their individual areas of interest, while serving as an asset to local nonprofit entities by contributing their skills and energy to their internship experience.

Forums

At least once per year, the Foundation, with the help and input from students, will sponsor a forum featuring leaders of national prominence covering a topic of national concern or interest. The forums will address the topic in-depth and with a variety of expert views and opinions, and will be designed to educate the audience, provide an opportunity for students to engage their organizational and intellectual skills, and offer a platform for workable ideas and solutions for submission to policy makers.

About Congressman Nethercutt

George Nethercutt represented Washington's 5th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives from 1995 to 2005, serving on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Science Committee. He is an attorney with Paine Hamblen LLP and heads a federal consulting firm in Washington, DC. Prior to his service in Congress, he practiced law for 18 years in the areas of Adoption, Estate Planning and Tax.

Nethercutt is active in a number of community service organizations, serving on the board of directors for Hecla Mining Company, ARCADIS NV, a Dutch multinational corporation, the Washington Policy Center and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International. He also co-founded the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery in Spokane, WA, a private, not-for-profit institution that helps prevent child abuse.

Born in Spokane, Washington, and a graduate of North Central High School, Nethercutt earned a B.A. in English from Washington State University and a law degree from Gonzaga University.