



**The Arkansas Humanities Council
in partnership with
the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program/Arkansas
Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission**

“Let Freedom Ring” Field Trip Grants, 2015



*“Freedom! Oh, Freedom!” exhibit
Mosaic Templars Cultural Center*

On April 14, 1865, the Arkansas General Assembly, meeting in Little Rock, voted to approve passage of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which says “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.” This vote helped set the stage for the ratification of the 13th Amendment on December 6, 1865, formally outlawing slavery in the United States of America.

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission is focusing on this transcendent event during 2015, the final year of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. In keeping with that goal, “Let Freedom Ring” Travel Grants of up to \$750 will be available through the Arkansas Humanities Council to assist school groups in visiting either the “Freedom! Oh, Freedom!” exhibit at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock or Freedom Park and the Delta Cultural Center in Helena-West Helena – both sites providing interpretation of the African American experience in Civil War Arkansas.



Freedom Park, Helena-West Helena

Grant applications are available through the Arkansas Humanities Council, 407 President Clinton Avenue, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72201; (501) 320-5761. Deadlines are the first of each month through November 2015. Applicants must contact the museum they choose to visit to schedule their field trip prior to applying for the grant. Admission to both museums are free.

Grant Guidelines

- “Let Freedom Ring” Travel Grants are available to public schools in Arkansas, Grades K-12.
- Field trips are available through the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center or Delta Cultural Center. **Fields trips must be scheduled prior to submitting the “Let Freedom Ring” grant application.**
- All field trips must take place at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock or Freedom Park and the Delta Cultural Center in Helena-West Helena.
- The maximum award is \$750.
- Grant funds may be used for:
 - Mileage reimbursement of up to .56 cents per roundtrip mile
 - Cost associated with bus driver(s) fee and use of bus
 - Substitute teacher(s)



‘Freedom! Oh, Freedom!’ Exhibit

To schedule a trip to the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, please contact the museum at 501 West 9th Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 683-3593 or info@mosaictemplarscenter.com. To schedule a trip to the Delta Cultural Center, please contact the museum at 141 Cherry Street, Helena-West Helena, AR 72342 or info@deltaculturalcenter.com.

For information regarding the “Let Freedom Ring” Travel Grants, please contact Jama Best, Senior Program Officer, Arkansas Humanities Council, 407 President Clinton Avenue, Suite 201, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 320-5761 or jamabest@sbcglobal.net.



Freedom Park, Helena-West Helena

Mosaic Templars Cultural Center



The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center (MTCC) was founded as the Mosaic Templars of America Center for African American Culture and Business Enterprise under Act 1176 of 2001. MTCC was created as a museum of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and it honors the story of the Mosaic Templars of America and all of Arkansas's African American history.

The museum is dedicated to telling the story of the African American experience in Arkansas. The Center's name is taken from the Mosaic Templars

of America, a black fraternal organization founded in Little Rock in 1883 whose headquarters sat on the prominent West Ninth and Broadway location. The mission of the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center is to collect, preserve, interpret and celebrate Arkansas's African American history, culture, and community from 1870 to the present, and to inform and educate the public about African American's achievements - especially in business, politics, and the arts. The center's exhibits highlight fraternal organizations, African American entrepreneurs as well as integration.



The Delta Cultural Center, a museum of the Department of Arkansas Heritage located in historic downtown Helena, is dedicated to the history of the Arkansas Delta. The museum interprets the history of the Delta through exhibits, educational programs, annual events, and guided tours. Freedom Park, which is operated by the DCC, is part of Civil War Helena, a series of interpretive sites throughout the city that tells Helena's Civil War story from the Seven Confederate generals who called Helena home to the experiences of African American Freedom Seekers to the July 4, 1863, battle of Helena.

“Let Freedom Ring” Travel Grant Application

School: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Principal's Contact Information:

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Teacher: Name: _____

Title/Subject: _____

Grade: _____

Number of Students: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

“Let Freedom Ring” Travel Grant Application

1. Which museum would you like to visit?

- _____ *Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.*
- _____ *Freedom Park/Delta Cultural Center.*

2. Provide a brief description of how the programs offered will enhance classroom activities studied. (Please be specific)

3. Please discuss how the project will be evaluated.

5. Date, Time and Location of Field Trip.

4. Budget

Mileage Reimbursement (Up to .56 per roundtrip mile)	\$ _____
Bus Driver(s) Fee	\$ _____
Use of Bus(s) Fee	\$ _____
Substitute Teacher(s) Fee	\$ _____

Total Cost: _____

(NOTE: A signed Humanities Scholar Agreement Form from the museum you will be visiting must accompany this application.)