

## **APPLICATION FOR SELECTION AS A UTAH HUMANITIES COUNCIL READING AND DISCUSSION LEADER**

### **Purpose:**

The Reading and Discussion Program helps to bridge the gap between academia and the community by allowing the general public direct access to Utah's best humanities scholars and by providing scholars with a forum to reach non-academic audiences to facilitate book discussions.

### **Process:**

The UHC staff selects discussion leaders based on the applicant's academic humanities background, experience leading public discussions, and geographical location. A "humanities background" encompasses one of many fields of study: history, literature, languages and linguistics, philosophy and ethics, anthropology and archaeology, comparative religion, jurisprudence, history and criticism of the arts, and historical and philosophical aspects of the social and natural sciences.

UHC distributes to potential program sponsors lists of available discussion leaders. Participating discussion leaders talk directly with program sponsors and may accept or refuse engagements according to their own schedules.

Discussion leaders are paid an honorarium of \$200-\$250 (depending on distance traveled) for each discussion program and may be reimbursed for travel, per diem, and lodging expenses.

### **Eligibility:**

Applicants should have experience in the humanities in a professional capacity (teaching, researching, writing, etc.). Current university or college affiliation is not required--independent scholars, retired teachers, and community members are encouraged to apply. Experience leading public book discussions is necessary.

### **Audiences:**

Sponsors include libraries, museums, senior citizen centers, historical societies, professional organizations, independent study groups, and other community non-profit organizations. Most audiences are made up of out-of-school adults. The reading and discussion programs are available statewide, so discussion leaders are expected to be willing to travel occasionally.

### **Application:**

Mail or fax one copy of the completed application form to the UHC office. UHC staff will notify you if additional information is needed.

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*DISCUSSION LEADER APPLICATION*

**NAME**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

**TELEPHONE** (day and evening)

**E-MAIL**

**PRESENT OCCUPATION**

**ACADEMIC HUMANITIES BACKGROUND** (list college major, minor, and degrees):

**EXPERIENCE WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC** (Provide examples of leading book discussions for academic and non-academic audiences.)

**RESTRICTIONS ON TIME OR TRAVEL**

**OTHER LANGUAGES** (Please indicate if you are able to discuss literature in languages other than English, including Sign Language.)

**TWO REFERENCES** (Give names, titles, and telephone numbers of at least two people who will attest to your public speaking ability.)

**Please attach a current resume or curriculum vita. Abbreviated versions are preferred; no more than two pages of a resume should be sent for staff review.**