

Christa **McAuliffe** Sabbatical Program

Each year the Christa **McAuliffe** Sabbatical Program awards a fully-paid, one-year leave of absence to an extraordinary New Hampshire teacher to pursue a project of his or her own devising which has the most potential to impact teaching in the state.

Projects may explore new ideas, develop innovative curricula or enhance professional skills. Past projects have ranged from rewriting Shakespeare for challenged children to organizing a statewide technology conference.

Project proposals are solicited by the Christa **McAuliffe** Sabbatical Program for implementation during each academic year. The deadline for submission of materials is generally in late January (for the next academic year). Following a preliminary review of submitted applications, the winner is selected from among five finalists invited for a face-to-face interview with the Selection Committee.

Teachers interested in learning more about the Christa **McAuliffe** Sabbatical Program are invited to contact Hilary DeAngelis at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation at (603) 225-6641 ext. 235 to receive application materials.

The Christa **McAuliffe** Sabbatical Program is overseen by a committee consisting of the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chair of the State Board of Education, Presidents of the NEA and AFT and a **McAuliffe** family member.

The Sabbatical Program was established in 1986 by former Governor John Sununu to recognize the importance of public education and the many outstanding New Hampshire teachers. Administrative support for the program and its endowment is provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF), one of the country's largest community foundations, has been working to improve the quality of life in our communities since 1962. With a collection of more than 1,400 funds, created by donors for individualized charitable purposes, and \$289 million in assets, NHCF awarded almost \$17 million in grants and program initiatives to nonprofits and scholarship funds to students in 2003 through its statewide organization and its seven regional divisions: Greater Nashua Division, Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation, Lakes Region Charitable Foundation, Manchester Regional Community Foundation, Monadnock Community Foundation, Northern New Hampshire Foundation and Upper Valley Community Foundation. For more information about the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, call (603) 225-6641, or go to www.nhcf.org

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