



## **CAMDEN CONFERENCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Since 2015, our Camden Conference in the Classroom (CCC) educational outreach program makes a difference in young people's lives by filling a void in Maine high schools where there are no or limited curricula supporting the study of global and international issues. At a time when high schools are fiscally challenged and institutional resources are stretched, our CCC program provides a resource for students to explore what it means to live, work and learn in a global world, and to consider how their own lives and careers may contribute to international initiatives to promote peace, education, human betterment, and international understanding. The CCC has evolved and new schools are joining the program each year. Each teacher designs the curricula within the guidelines of their particular school. These courses range from a full year's course, to a theme or topic within an AP course, or to a mentored independent study.

### **Camden Conference commitment to participating schools:**

Teachers participate in two workshops organized and hosted by the Camden Conference, one in the fall focused on teaching approaches to the topic and the other in the spring for a summation and critique.

Teachers receive a stipend to assist with designing their curricular content. Teachers also receive Continuing Education Units for their attendance at the workshops and Conference.

Students and teachers can view the Conference virtually at no cost or attend the February weekend Conference at designated venues subsidized by the Camden Conference Student Education Fund. Accommodation and meals are also subsidized. Transportation from home area is not included.

For traveling schools, pizza is available at the hotel for arriving students before the keynote address. The hotel provides a hot breakfast each morning. There are light refreshments at the morning and afternoon breaks on Saturday and Sunday morning. Saturday dinner is on your own but is subsidized by the Student Education Fund.

### **Conference Schedule:**

- Friday: Keynote 7:30-9:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (with 30-minute breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon, 90-minute lunch)
- Sunday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (with 30-minute mid-morning break)

**All student registration fees are waived for participating CCC students and teachers at any venue.**

See current stipend/subsidy allowances, below.

### **Teachers and students commitment to Camden Conference:**

Teachers will provide a syllabus or course description to the Conference Education Committee prior to the start of the class (for information only).

Teachers will provide a written report of approximately two pages on the CCC experience following the Conference, including feedback on the Conference experience, how the class was taught, how many students attended and student feedback.

Teachers will attend the fall and spring workshops. The Conference encourages the teachers to collaborate on developing curricula across different disciplines. A Google drive is set up for teachers to upload materials for sharing.

Students will provide evidence of learning which could be a project, community presentation, an essay, etc. \*Students are invited to enter essays in the Camden Conference Bill Taylor Award Essay Contest, which is open to all student attendees, whether or not they are enrolled in a Camden Conference course. Monetary prizes are awarded and the winning essays are posted on the Camden Conference website.

### **How to become a Camden Conference in the Classroom school?**

Letters/emails of invitation are sent in the summer to teachers and schools who have previously participated.

Inquiries from new teachers and schools are made to the [Camden Conference Office](#), then directed to the Education Committee Chair for further discussion in the summer and early fall (prior to the fall workshop). Teachers must sign a teacher agreement form outlining the expectations of participation.

## **2025/26 Student Education Fund Allowances and Conference Fees**

**Resource Stipends to Teachers:** \$500 payable in two installments of \$250 each.

**Conference weekend accommodations:** *Up to four (4) rooms per school. Additional rooms are the responsibility of the respective schools. It is expected that students will maximize room capacity to the extent possible.*

**Conference weekend meal allowance:** \$20 per student. *Limited to those requiring accommodations.*

**Student Registration Fees: WAIVED** for all participating CCC students and teachers.

### **Conference Venues (February 2026):**

- **Camden Opera House:** Live conference experience
- **Strand Theatre:** Livestreamed conference experience
- **Virtual Access:** Available for all students at no cost

*Note: Due to space constraints at the Camden Opera House as our CCC program grows to include more schools, participating schools will work with the Camden Conference Education Committee to determine a fair assignment of school groups between the two venues to ensure student presence at both locations.*