



The Postal History Foundation

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TEACHER LETTER - School Year 2018-19

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you had a great summer and are eager to incorporate stamps into your classroom learning. The Postal History Foundation's YES (Youth Education thru Stamps) program provides all the services below to educators. All stamps and lessons are not to be sold and are for education use only. Lessons are the property of the Postal History Foundation.

Preparing orders takes a considerable amount of time and the PHF is a small non-profit with limited staff and volunteers. The availability of stamps fluctuates throughout the year due to donations. Your order will be filled depending on availability of stamps. Expect a one to three week wait for your order to be processed depending on the time of year.

- We supply worksheets and stamps anywhere in the **world**. Large orders sent out of the country will be charged postage.
- You may email us with any ideas for a lesson and we will see if we have enough stamps available to support your plan.
- **The List of Lessons** and **Topical List** are available on our website and are also attached to this letter. Packets of stamps will be sent for every student in the classroom for each lesson. If the lesson is a worksheet, you will be given a master to make copies from. If it is a Power Point, we will send you a disk. The options for ordering are:
 - Send an email or fill out the request form on our website under the Education tab.
 - Email: education@phftucson.org Website: www.postalhistoryfoundation.org
 - An order form is attached to this packet if you prefer to use the mail.

OTHER SERVICES and ACTIVITIES:

- **STUDENTS MAY WRITE US LETTERS** requesting stamps about topics they are interested in or need for reports and other assignments. **Whole classes** may send letters. Put the letters in one large envelope and mail with the school name, address, and teacher name. We fill student letter requests at no charge and send them back to the teacher in one envelope. Always have the student list five topics of interest. Each student will receive about 25-30 stamps if the topics are available.
- **LEARNING WITH STAMPS:** On our website click on Fun Activities for ideas and a few worksheets. If you have an idea for a lesson, write us about whether we have stamps that you can use in your lesson.
- **COMMUNITY EVENT** organizers may contact us. We participate in many throughout the year.
- **STAMP ALBUMS:** Available for students - shipping fees may apply. Teachers can request stamps about different topics that are being studied in the classroom throughout the year and then students can add to their albums or notebooks.
- **A GUEST SPEAKER** for a local classroom or organization visit is available at no charge.
- **FIELD TRIPS:** (LOCAL STUDENTS) \$2 per student (teachers and chaperones free) The PHF hosts an enjoyable and educational field trip. Field trips include history, postal system, geography, writing, literacy, math, and more etc. Check our website.
- **CREATE YOUR OWN STAMP CHEST** – Find a trunk type box that you can decorate with stamps. We will give you the stamps for decorating and more to put in it when you are finished. Use as a reward and for learning.
- **ANNUAL STAMP DESIGN CONTEST** – Our stamp design contest commemorates Tucson's Birthday. **Local** students are encouraged to enter. The annual awards ceremony is in August. Entry forms are on the website and will be updated by February of each year.
- **SCOUTS** – We can provide field trips and/or badge completion resources for all types of scout groups. We host Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit badge workshops every year.

The Postal History Foundation receives donations of hundreds of thousands of stamps every year which our volunteers sort, soak, and file. The PHF also includes a museum, contract post office, sales department, and research library, all of which are open to the public. All donations of stamps and money are tax deductible. Thank you for using stamps as educational tools.

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Main Building M-F 8am -3pm

Post Office M-F 8am – 2:30pm

Slusser Library 9am – 3PM

Lesson and Topical Stamp Order Form



Currently we are not charging to ship **domestic** orders up to 130 students. If above the 130 student amount we will contact your for help with postage. Please consider a monetary donation to help us with our work with students across the country. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting an appreciation of stamp collecting and postal history through the preservation of philatelic and postal history collections, literature, documents, and the enhancement of youth education using stamps as teaching tools.

Teacher Name (Please Print): _____

Name of School or Group: _____

Mailing Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

5 LESSONS can be ordered. Please list them here and write the number of students that will be using the lessons in parenthesis. For example: National Symbols (3) means you need enough stamp sets for 3 students. We will send you a worksheet to copy. Refer to the List of Lessons on the web site or if attached.

TOPICALS on stamps can be ordered for your students to start or add to their collections or for classroom use. List no more than 6 topics below. Please refer to the topical list on the web site or if attached. Write the number of students interested in each topic. Example: cars(2) indicates two students want cars on stamps.

Mail form to: YES
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