

## **Executive Director Nebraska Humanities Council and Foundation**

The Nebraska Humanities Council and the Nebraska Foundation for the Humanities are engaged in a national search for an Executive Director to begin work in Nebraska with the Council and its Foundation on or about January 4, 2011.

The boards of directors seek a leader with a passion for public humanities;

- an appreciation for regional history and culture as well as state and local public policy issues;
- leadership experience in organizing and implementing public programs;
- an understanding of the value of ethnic and generational diversity for the future of the Council and Foundation;
- and an understanding of the far-reaching potential of technology for public humanities.
- An advanced degree in a humanities discipline is preferred.

A competitive applicant will have experience in:

- working with a volunteer board of directors;
- hiring, managing, and retaining excellent staff;
- and strategic planning and assessment.
- S/he will be knowledgeable about budget planning and monitoring as well as legal requirements for non-profit organizations.

The board also expects its executive director to be engaged in and enthusiastic about his/her involvement in fundraising and advocacy for the Council. Therefore, a competitive candidate would have had experience in:

- collaborating with board members in making solicitation requests,
- working with elected officials and staff,
- obtaining corporate support, and
- writing grants and general knowledge about foundations.

The Nebraska Humanities Council is a vibrant non-profit organization recognized nationally for serving the public humanities needs of Nebraska with a budget of \$1.6 million annually. Funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities; the state of Nebraska; private funders including corporate, foundation, and individual donors; and earnings from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment provide a diverse base of financial support for the important humanities program opportunities offered to all Nebraskans by the Council and Foundation.

A staff of nine full-time professionals with two contract employees as well as short-term interns and volunteers have responsibility for a grants program, speaker bureau with over 400 bookings annually, summer chautauqua, statewide

family literacy and reading program, touring exhibit program for small museums done in partnership with the Smithsonian, weekly public radio series, Nebraska Book Festival, various publications and web site, and the annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities.

Send a letter of application, resume, and names of three professional references and complete the e-mail application on [www.nebraskahumanities.org](http://www.nebraskahumanities.org) by June 30, 2010. The application process will be kept open until the position is filled, but the Council and Foundation anticipate beginning first-stage phone interviews in August with an offer made on or about Nov. 1, 2010. The Nebraska Humanities Council is an equal-opportunity employer.