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The following information from NASA is about a program to assist teachers in acquiring graduate credits to gain or expand their teaching certification or get recertified. Maine is one of NASA's "target" states. Please consider applying to this fully funded online opportunity. Joni Cooke, a Maine teacher, is currently in the program.

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NASA Endeavor Fellowships

NASA is now accepting Endeavor applications for preservice and alternate route educators (as well as inservice) through November 10, 2009. As you know, Nancy Ibarguen approved the courses for certification purposes so I think that this is a terrific opportunity for Maine educators.

The NASA Endeavor Science Teaching Certificate Project awards one-year fellowships each year to over 40 current and prospective teachers. Funding authorization for the Project is provided through the NASA Endeavor Teacher Fellowship Trust Fund as a tribute to the dedicated crew of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

The Project is administered by U.S. Satellite Laboratory, Inc. In partnership with State Departments of Education, Endeavor Fellows take five graduate courses in an innovative, LIVE (online) format from the comfort of their home or school. They learn to apply research-based pedagogical strategies and cutting-edge STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) content to their classroom contexts while becoming a part of a special network of like-minded educators across the Nation.

Endeavor Fellows will be awarded a NASA Endeavor Certificate in STEM Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. In addition, fifteen (15) graduate credits are awarded from other regionally-accredited partners in higher education.

NASA will work in partnership with State Departments of Education to assist program participants in applying credit from project courses towards state certification requirements.

Please spread the word and send your teachers to the following link: <http://us-satellite.net/endeavor/index.cfm>