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New Endowment Image

Associated Press

President Carter said Wednesday he wants to eliminate an "elitist attitude" from the National Endowment for the Humanities and expand its programs for those to whom they are now unavailable.

"I want to be sure any elitist attitude . . . is ended," Carter told a selection committee to recommend a chairman for the endowment. "We've got a need to preserve the quality of our programs . . . and expand opportunities for people who are isolated from them."

He urged the committee, whose members met in the Cabinet Room at the White House, to recommend an endowment chairman who at the same time will "be reassuring to those in the academic world."

The endowment, an independent federal agency, sponsors a broad range of humanities-related activities such as research and education, lectures, exhibits and public television programs.