

Scholarships for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and Costa Rica

Three (3) Scholarships

The National Spanish Examination (NSE), a division of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to providing teachers with opportunities to continue their professional development so as to design instruction and assessments from first hand experiences with the Spanish language and culture. To this end, NSE will offer one scholarship for up to \$3500 for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and two scholarships for up to \$1800 for Teacher Study Abroad in Costa Rica. Both scholarships are offered through MLSA (Modern Language Studies Abroad).

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2008 scholarship, applicants MUST:

- Be a current member of AATSP
- Have administered the online National Spanish Examination in 2007
- Be registered to administer the online National Spanish Examination in 2008
- Be a full-time Spanish teacher in a public, private or parochial school for the 2007-2008 academic year
- Have a minimum of 3 years teaching experience in Spanish.

COMMITMENT

Applicants must commit to participate in the four (4) week study abroad program in Spain or Costa Rica during the summer of 2008 as outlined at <http://www.mlsa.com/>

Applicants agree to document their experiences through keeping a journal and taking digital photographs to be shared with other AATSP / NSE colleagues via the NSE website. A CD-ROM containing the journal and photographs is due on August 31, 2008.

Applicants agree to pay (1) airfare from their home airport to their destination and (2) any costs not included as outlined at <http://www.mlsa.com/costs.html>

SELECTION and PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

All applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2008. The proposals will be reviewed in early February and the recipient will be notified by February 28, 2008. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to MLSA.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Write an application letter**

There is no formal application form. In no more than 2 type-written pages, the applicant must include:

- ✓ name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and AATSP#
- ✓ the scholarship for which he/she is applying (Spain, Costa Rica, or either)
- ✓ the name of his/her school
- ✓ how many years he/she has been teaching
- ✓ a list of courses he/she is teaching during the 2007-08 academic year
- ✓ how many years he/she has given the NSE
- ✓ a listing of previous study abroad with dates of study
- ✓ a listing of previous travel experience abroad with dates of travel
- ✓ an explanation as to why they would like to study abroad

The application must be written in Spanish.

2. **Provide a letter of recommendation**

Applicants must attach to the proposal one (1) letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a qualified person who can speak for the applicant's ability to be successful in completing a study abroad experience.

3. **Provide a resume or (CV) curriculum vitae**

Applicants must attach to the proposal either a resume or curriculum vitae.

4. **Attach college transcript(s)**

Applicants must include a copy of his/her college transcript(s). These do not have to be official copies but can be photocopies.

5. **Mail the completed application by January 15, 2008 to:**

Kevin Cessna-Buscemi
Director, National Spanish Examinations
3602 Chimney Hill Ct.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Please note: All application materials become the property of National Spanish Examinations and will not be returned.