

Grant for Teacher Creativity in Spanish using Technology

\$3,000 grant

Pursuant to its mission, the National Spanish Examination (NSE), a division of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to providing teachers with assessment tools and offering students opportunities to practice their language skills. To this end, NSE will offer a grant for \$3000 for Teacher Creativity in Spanish using Technology.

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2008 grant, 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 create a project in Spanish using some form(s) of technology that can be shared online and posted on the NSE website. This project must be completed by the end of the summer of 2008.

The possibilities for projects are as varied as the many cultures of the Spanish-speaking countries these projects may represent. Applicants may choose to travel to obtain authentic materials such as digital images, sound clips, texts, etc. They might prefer to create materials from previous trips abroad.

Each project must (1) contain instructional material that teachers can use in the secondary Spanish classroom and (2) include some type(s) of student assessment. The final project is due on August 31, 2008.

SELECTION and PAYMENT OF GRANT

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 grant will be made in two installments: (1) \$2000 will be paid in April 2008 and (2) \$1000 will be paid upon submission of the project. The recipient will be issued an IRS income reporting Form 1099 Misc. at the beginning of 2009

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Describe the project**

There is no formal application form. In no more than 3 type-written pages, the applicant must include:

- ✓ name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and AATSP#
- ✓ 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 detailed plan of the project including a budget
- ✓ how the project can be incorporated into and assessed in the Spanish classroom
- ✓ projected follow-up activities planned for school year 2008-2009

The application may be written in either Spanish or in English.

2. **Provide a letter of recommendation**

Applicants must attach to the proposal two (2) letters of recommendation on official letterhead from qualified persons who can speak for the applicant's ability:

- (1) to complete such a project
- (2) to use Spanish in both oral and written form

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 Examination and will not be returned.