

Scholarships for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and Costa Rica



The National Spanish Examinations (NSE), a program 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 Spanish language and culture. To this end, NSE will offer up to four (4) scholarships for up to \$4100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and up to two (2) scholarships for up to \$2100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Costa Rica. The scholarships are offered through MLSA (Modern Language Studies Abroad).

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2019 scholarship, applicants MUST:

- Be a current member of AATSP
- Have administered the online National Spanish Examination in 2018
- Be registered to administer the online National Spanish Examination or the National Spanish Assessments in 2019
- Be a full-time Spanish teacher in a public, private or parochial school for the 2018-2019 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 2019 as outlined at <http://www.mlsa.com>.

Applicants agree to successfully complete 6 graduate credits paid for by the scholarship.

Applicants agree to document their experiences through keeping an online blog (journal and digital photographs) to be shared with other AATSP / NSE colleagues via the Internet.

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>.

SELECTION and PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

All applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2019. The proposals will be reviewed in early February and the recipient will be notified by February 28, 2019. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to MLSA.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Fill out the application form and write an application letter**

- A. Fill out the online application form posted at <https://www.quia.com/sv/870834.html>
- B. Type out an explanation as to (1) why you would like to study abroad and (2) why the committee should award this travel scholarship to you given that there are many other qualified applicants. The explanation must be written in Spanish. (*File name: Applicant Name – Application Letter*)

2. **Provide a letter of recommendation** (*File name: Applicant Name – 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** (*File name: Applicant Name – Resume/CV*)

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

4. **Attach college transcript(s)** (*File name: Applicant Name – Transcript*)

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

5. **Email the completed application by January 15, 2019 to:**

scholarships@nationalspanishexam.org

The subject line should read: Teacher Study Abroad-Teacher's name.

The application letter, letter of recommendation, CV, and college transcripts should be scanned in PDF format and attached electronically to the email as separate attachments.

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