



Scholarships for Students

Kevin Cessna-Buscemi Global Citizen Scholarships

Pursuant to its mission, the National Spanish Examinations (NSE), a program of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to recognizing student achievement and promoting language proficiency in the studies of Spanish and Portuguese. To this end, NSE is offering either on-site or virtual scholarship placements to the Concordia Language Villages Immersion Programs for the Kevin Cessna-Buscemi Global Citizen Scholarships. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition for a one or two-week immersion program in Spanish or Portuguese with Concordia.

ELIGIBILITY

To win the 2023 scholarship, applicants **MUST**:

- Be over the age of 12 for residential programs or at least 8 years old for virtual programs
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2021 **OR** 2022 National Spanish/Portuguese Examination **OR** have received “Outstanding Achievement” in your division on the National Spanish Challenge (NSC) in 2021 or 2022
 - 2021 NSE/NPE/NSC: Academic year 2020-2021
 - 2022 NSE/NPE/NSC: Academic year 2021-2022
- Be registered to take the 2023 National Spanish/Portuguese Examination **OR** 2023 National Spanish Challenge
- Agree to continue studying Spanish/Portuguese during the 2023-2024 academic year

NOTE: Only ONE student per teacher may apply. (Teachers at participating schools must select an applicant from their own school.)

COMMITMENT

If selected, each participant must submit a *refundable* \$50.00 application fee in the form of a check within two weeks of selection. This fee *will be shredded* upon completion of requirements. However, if the requirements are not fulfilled, the application fee will not be refunded and will be deposited into the NSE by Sep 30, 2023.

1. Recipients of the residential scholarship agree to make travel arrangements by May 1, 2023, and forward confirmation of such to nse@aatsp.org. *Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.* A stipend of \$300.00 will be *reimbursed* upon return from trip and after all commitments are completed.
2. Applicants must commit to be in attendance for the entire length of the camp session. Available dates will be revealed on the application form.
3. If a student cannot attend the entire session during the specified time, the trip will be forfeited and another student will be chosen. The award may not be postponed to another year.
4. Any recipient of virtual scholarship needs to be physically present in the U.S. for the entire duration of the virtual program, as well as the ability to be at home for material delivery.
5. Upon return from the trip or completion of the virtual camp (and no later than August 31), winners will be required to send to nse@aatsp.org an account of their experiences along with several digital photographs to be published on the NSE/AATSP website. This can be done via email or link to an online blog.

NOTE FOR RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS: Per Concordia, applicants are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. More information about COVID-testing and vaccination status for travel will be shared with winners at a later date.

Scholarships will cover the following costs:

- Tuition expenses for residential or virtual sessions
- All meals during *residential* sessions
- A reimbursement stipend of \$300.00 to help cover transportation expenses for those attending *residential* camps after requirements are fulfilled

Students are responsible for covering the following costs:

- Transportation to Concordia Language Villages (reimbursable up to \$300.00 upon successful completion of the program). Any travel/transportation costs over the \$300.00 reimbursement stipend will be the responsibility of the participants.
- Personal expenses
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Any additional Covid or other health/medical testing required by Concordia

SELECTION

All applications must be received by February 12, 2023. **No late applications will be accepted.** The proposals will be reviewed in March and the recipients will be notified no later than March 3, 2023.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By February 12, 2023, applicants should fill out the correct online form including:

1. A standard video clip in Spanish in which you:
 - Discuss with your teacher: your family, hobbies, and interests, and some of the things you would like to do if you are awarded the Global Citizen Scholarship.
 - Are spontaneous and conversational in tone. (The student should be the dominant speaker.)
 - Speak with your teacher 3-5 minutes without stopping the recording. (Both the student and teacher are to be visible in the video.)
2. In no more than one typewritten, double-spaced page (in English), choose one of the following essay topics (File Name: Student Name - Essay):
 - What does it mean to be a global citizen?
 - Write a letter to your parents explaining how an immersion program, whether virtual or in-person, would improve your speaking and understanding of the Hispanic Culture.

3. One letter of recommendation
(File Name: Student Name – Teacher) from your current Spanish teacher who should comment on your skills in Spanish and your motivation toward your studies, and your ability to get along with others and adapt to unforeseen circumstances.

4. Parent authorization form/Photo release form completed and signed. (See next page.)
(File Name: Student Name – Parent Authorization)

For the student to be considered, all of the application materials must be sent via the application form. The video clip should be uploaded to YouTube and must be shareable. All attachments must use the appropriate file name stated. The essay, letter of recommendation, and parent authorization should be scanned and attached as separate PDF files.

NSC Application: [NSC Application Form](#)

NSE/NPE Application: [NSE/NPE Application Form](#)

Once selected for the Global Citizen Scholarship, winners should send their \$50 application fee (check payable to “National Spanish Examinations”). In the memo section write “Global” and mail it to National Spanish Examinations, PO Box 1059, Chesterton, IN 46304. Upon completion of the requirements the check will be shredded. If not completed, the check will be deposited by September 30th, 2023.