

National Spanish Examinations

Senior Scholarships

Pursuant to its mission, the National Spanish Examination (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, the NSE will offer scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating seniors in 2022 to support their post-secondary educational expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

For this scholarship, applicants *must*:

- Be a graduating senior that has scored at or above the 75th percentile on the 2019/20 or 2020/21 NSE/NPE.

OR

- If you are a graduating senior that was unable to take the NSE/NPE due to availability and you take the NSE/NPE in the 2021/22 academic year **AND** score at or above the 95th percentile (Level II or above), you are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Note: *One student per teacher* may apply and teachers must select an applicant from their own school. Students may apply for scholarships from the SHH (NSE's sister organization) in addition to the NSE, but they may only be awarded ONE scholarship. If a student *does not* attend a tertiary educational facility immediately following graduation from high school, the scholarship will be forfeited.

SELECTION

The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the recipients will be notified by August 1st, 2022. Shortly thereafter, the school will receive the scholarship funds directly from the NSE to be released to the scholarship recipient.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By May 15, 2022, applicants should fill out the online application form posted [here](#) and email the following items to Wendy Simms (wsimms@aatsp.org):

1. A link to a standard **video clip** *in Spanish* posted on YouTube in which you:
 - Discuss with your teacher your plans for using Spanish in your future career
 - Are spontaneous and conversational in tone and are the dominant speaker
 - Speak with your teacher a maximum of 5 minutes without stopping the recording
2. One **persuasive essay** *in Spanish* of no more than one typewritten page in which you discuss ONE of the following topics: **(File name: Student Name – Essay)**
 - Explain the importance of proficiency testing and knowing your own proficiency level.
 - Convince your parents that learning a second language is vital for employment in the 21st Century.
 - Explain how virtual learning can be helpful or hindering when learning a language.
3. High School **transcript** (with 7 semesters of grades) **OR** a signed statement from sponsoring teacher and one parent/guardian stating that the applicant is completing their final/senior year in high school and will be moving on at the end of the 2021/22 year:
(File Name: Student Name – Transcript)

In order for the student to be considered eligible, all of the application materials must be sent as **separate** PDF attachments **within the same email message**, and **sent by the teacher** (One submission). All attachments *must* use the designated file name. The video should be uploaded to YouTube and the link must be sent within the email.