

National Spanish Examinations

Junior Travel Scholarship

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 travel abroad scholarships to Puerto Rico for July 13th-21st, 2022.

Study Abroad Scholarship Description

Each year, the Junior Travel Study Abroad Scholarship provides eligible students the opportunity to travel to and study the language and the culture of a Spanish-speaking country or territory. The award includes flight (\$400 reimbursement), local transportation, lodging, tours, meals, and insurance. This year students will be travelling to San Juan, Puerto Rico! The tentative itinerary is available at www.nationalspanishexam.org and subject to change.

Eligibility

For the 2022 travel award, applicants **MUST**:

- Be a junior in high school during the 2021-2022 academic year
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2020 or 2021 National Spanish Examination or National Portuguese Examination- Level II or above
- Be registered to take the 2022 National Spanish Examination or National Portuguese Examination - Level III or above
- Agree to continue studying Spanish and/or Portuguese during his/her senior year in high school

Note: Only ONE student per teacher may apply and teachers must select an applicant from their own school.

Responsibilities of Winners

1. Winners must be available one day *before* the scheduled Date of Departure and one day *after* the scheduled Return Date in case arrival in the departure city or return from it on those dates is necessary. For the 2022 Puerto Rico trip, students & families *must purchase their own* airline ticket to SJU – San Juan, PR. Winners will be given a window of time to plan arrival and departure so that a representative of the AATSP can meet the students at the airport. Students must submit their flight information to Kat Zaborowski. After the trip, the AATSP will reimburse up to \$400.00 for flight costs.
2. Winners are expected to attend *all* excursions and events.
3. Winners will be responsible to pay for: airfare fees above \$400.00, snacks, tips, souvenirs, additional baggage fees, and other such personal items.
4. Upon return from the trip, winners are required to send to Kat Zaborowski an account of their experiences along with several digital photographs/videos/blogs/vlogs to be published as the NSE & AATSP see fit. This will be due by July 31st, 2022, at the *latest*.
5. Winners are expected to sign a liability waiver by the date specified in clause.
6. This trip will include a considerable amount of walking. It is the responsibility of the winner to review the travel company's accessibility policy. (See [Explorica's FAQ](#) page.)
7. Winners must send confirmation of flight by March 31st, 2022.

Note: If a winner cannot travel during the specified time, the trip will be forfeited, and another winner will be chosen. If a student accepts the trip and is ticketed but then does not complete the trip, they will be charged for the value of the trip. Applicants are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to travel because travel requirements are subject to change due to the CoronaVirus. For more information concerning Explorica's Travel Guidelines, please see their [FAQ](#) page.

Dates / Deadlines

Application Deadline: January 15, 2022

Notification of Winners and Alternates: February 18, 2022

Travel to Puerto Rico: July 13–July 21, 2022

Digital Account of Experiences: July 31, 2022

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By January 15, 2022, applicants should fill out the online application form here and include attachments listed below. No late applicants will be considered. If you have any difficulties with the form, please email kzaborowski@aatsp.org .

1. A link to a standard video clip (5 minute maximum) in Spanish in which you discuss with your teacher both of the following topics:

- How you feel the study abroad experience will impact your life
- Why the committee should select you given that there are many qualified applicants

Video submission requirements:

- The speech should be spontaneous and conversational in tone.
- The student should be the dominant speaker.
- Both the student and the teacher should be visible in the recording.
- The video should be uploaded to YouTube with permission for anyone with the link to view. Include the link in the body of your application email.

2. One essay in Spanish of no more than one page in which you pick ONE of the following topics: (File name: Student Name – Essay)

- How do you think your experience will change you personally as a human being and impact you as a global citizen?
- What do you anticipate will be your personal challenges during your experience and how will you prepare yourself to meet these challenges?

3. High School transcript (does not have to be an official transcript) (File Name: Student Name-Transcript)

4. Letter of recommendation from your current Spanish teacher who should comment on your skills in Spanish, your personal and academic motivation, and your ability to get along with others and adapt to unforeseen circumstances. (File Name: Student Name - Teacher Rec)



5. Parent authorization and photo release form completed and signed. (See next page.)
(File Name: Student Name – Parent Authorization)

All applications will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt, please contact the NSE national office at kzaborowski@aatsp.org.

Once selected for the Junior Travel Scholarship, winners should send their \$50 application fee as a check payable to “*National Spanish Examinations*”. In the memo section write “*Junior Travel*” and mail it to *National Spanish Examinations, 1070 S. Calumet Rd. PO Box 1059, Chesterton, IN 46304-9998*.

Upon completion of the scholarship requirements the check *will be shredded*.
If *not* completed, the check will be deposited by August 31st, 2022.

Parent Authorization / Photo Release

Junior Study Abroad Program in Puerto Rico – 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please complete and sign the following form to give your child permission to travel to Puerto Rico should they be selected as a Study Abroad Scholarship Recipient.

1. I authorize my child to travel as an award winner of the National Spanish Examinations.
2. I agree to provide my child with transportation to San Juan, Puerto Rico and I understand that I will receive up-to a \$400 reimbursement from the National Spanish Examinations Office.
3. While the students will be adequately supervised in Puerto Rico, I understand that my child must travel alone from their home airport where they will be greeted by NSE staff at baggage claim in San Juan.
4. If my child is selected, accepts the trip, and is ticketed but does not successfully complete the trip, I agree to pay the full cost of the scholarship to National Spanish Examinations.



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PARENT AUTHORIZATION

First & Last Name of Student	
Parent/Guardian's Cell	
Parent/Guardian's E-mail	
Parent/Guardian's Printed Name	
Parent/Guardian's Signature & Date	

NOTE TO STUDENT: This page should ONLY be given a file name as per the instructions and emailed with the rest of the application.



National Spanish Exam Photo Release – Junior Study Abroad/Away Scholarship

I/We hereby give to National Spanish Examinations, its successors or assigns, the right to reproduce in any of its printed and online publications (such as newsletters, annual reports, websites, social media posts and blog posts) all pictures that it has produced of myself and/or my child(ren).

Please Print Name(s):

In any or all poses, authorizing them to use all such pictures, videos, recorded accounts, and duplicates thereof for its publicity purposes and dispose of them as they may see fit.

Signature (*If Minor: Parent/Guardian Signature*)

Date

Thank you,

Lisa J. Greenman
Director, National Spanish Examinations