

National Spanish Exams Global Citizen Scholarships for Underclassmen



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 study of Spanish. To this end, NSE will offer FIFTEEN (15) Global Citizen Scholarships for Underclassmen. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition for a two-week Spanish immersion program through Concordia Language Villages.

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2017 scholarship, applicants **MUST**:

- Be in Grades 8, 9 or 10 during the 2016-2017 academic year
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2016 National Spanish Examination (Level 01, 1, 2 or 3)
- Be registered to take the 2017 National Spanish Examination
- Agree to continue studying Spanish during the 2017-2018 academic year

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

COMMITMENT – If selected, each participant must submit a refundable \$50.00 application fee within two weeks of being selected. This fee will be returned to the student, upon completion of the following:

1. Recipients of the scholarship agree to make travel arrangements by May 1, 2017 and forward confirmation of such to the Director of Scholarships. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
2. Applicants must commit to be in attendance for the entire length of the camp session from July 31 through August 12. (If a student begins classes during these dates, NSE can make arrangements for the student to attend an earlier camp session). If a student cannot attend for 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.
3. Upon return from the trip (and no later than August 31), winners will be required to send to the Director of Global Citizen Scholarships an account of their experiences along with several digital photographs to be published on the NSE website.

Scholarship will cover the following costs:

1. tuition expenses for the two-week session
2. all meals during the session

Students are responsible for covering the following costs:

1. transportation to Concordia Language Villages
2. personal expenses
3. souvenirs and gifts

SELECTION

All applications must be sent electronically to lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org by February 15, 2017. The proposals will be reviewed in March and the recipients will be notified no later than April 1, 2017.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should fill out the application form and should include with it **the following items:**

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 a maximum of 5 minutes without stopping the recording (Both the student and teacher are to be visible in the video.)
2. In no more than two typewritten, double-spaced pages (written in English), choose one of the following essay tasks:
 - What does it mean to be a global citizen?
 - Why is studying Spanish important for your future?Sponsor, please sign the essay to certify that it is exclusively student work.
3. Two letters of recommendation:
 - Letter one from your current Spanish teacher who should comment on your skills in Spanish and your motivation toward your studies.
 - Letter two from someone (other than your parents) who knows you well enough to comment on your ability to get along with others and adapt to unforeseen circumstances.

All items should be sent electronically to lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: Global Citizen Applicant – Student’s Name. The video clip should be uploaded to YouTube. The application form (below), essay, and two letters of recommendations should be scanned and attached to the email as separate **PDF** attachments, and the email should include the link to the video clip.

Once selected as a winner of the Global Citizen Scholarship, winners should send a check payable to “National Spanish Examinations.” In the memo section write “Global”, and mail to National Spanish Examinations, P.O. Box 2058, Valparaiso, IN 46384. Upon completed of the requirements the check will be returned.

For inquiries, contact Robert Campuzano at nsemaryland@gmail.com.
Please PRINT all information.

STUDENT INFORMATION					
Student's Name:					
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Telephone:					
Student's e-mail address:					
Grade Level (this current school year)		Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	
National Spanish Exam taken last year in 2016		Level 01	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3

SCHOOL & TEACHER INFORMATION					
Name of School:					
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Type of School: (circle one)	Public	Private	Independent		
Teacher's name:					
Teacher's e-mail address:					
Teacher's school telephone:			Date school starts for 2017-2018		

PARENT AUTHORIZATION			
I authorize my son/daughter to travel to the Concordia Language Villages as an award winner of the National Spanish Examinations. I realize that I must make travel arrangements to and from the Concordia Language Villages for my son/daughter.			
Parent's name printed			
Parent's signature			
Parent email		Date	