

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 up to 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 2020 scholarship, applicants **MUST**:

- Be in Grades 8, 9 or 10 during the 2019-2020 academic year
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2019 National Spanish Examination (Level 01, 1, 2 or 3)
- Be registered to take the 2020 National Spanish Examination
- Agree to continue studying Spanish during the 2020-2021 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, 2020 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 27 through August 8. (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 scholarships@nationalspanishexam.org by February 15, 2020. The proposals will be reviewed in March and the recipients will be notified no later than April 1, 2020.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By February 15, 2020, applicants should fill out the online application form posted at <https://www.quia.com/sv/1009161.html>

By February 15, 2020, email the following items to scholarships@nationalspanishexam.org

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 (*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 would improve your speaking and understanding of Spanish Culture.

Sponsor, please sign the essay to certify that it is exclusively student work.

3. Two letters of recommendation:
 1. Letter one (*File Name: Student Name – Teacher*) from your current Spanish teacher who should comment on your skills in Spanish and your motivation toward your studies.
 2. Letter two (*File Name: Student Name - Other Rec*) 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.
4. **Parent authorization form** completed and signed. (See next page.)
(*File Name: Student Name – Parent Authorization*)

In order for the student to be considered, all of the application materials must be sent electronically by the teacher in one email to scholarships@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: **Global Citizen Applicant – Student’s Name**. The video clip should be uploaded to YouTube. All attachments must use the appropriate file name stated. The essay, and two letters of recommendations and parent authorization 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.

Parent Authorization
Global Citizen Scholarship – 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please complete and sign the following form to give your son/daughter permission to attend the summer program at the Concordia Language Villages should he/she be selected as a Global Scholarship recipient.

1. I authorize my son/daughter to travel to the Concordia Language Villages as an award winner of the National Spanish Examinations.
2. I realize that I must make travel arrangements to and from the Concordia Language Villages for my son/daughter.
3. I agree to submit a refundable \$50.00 application fee within two weeks of my son/daughter being selected. This fee will be returned upon successful completion of the program as outlined in the materials above.

PARENT AUTHORIZATION			
Name of student:			
Parent's Signature		Parent's Cell	
Parent's Printed Name			
Parent's Email		Date	

NOTE TO STUDENT APPLICANT:

This page **ONLY** should be converted to a PDF file, given a file name as per the instructions above, and emailed with other parts of the application.