

National Spanish Examinations Junior Study Abroad Scholarship



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 twenty-four (24) study abroad scholarships to Spain in June-July 2020.

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. Students will have 90-minute classes followed by a cultural excursion which reinforces the lesson. (EX. Study of Roman influence in Iberia and travel to Segovia to see the 2,000-year-old aqueduct.) The award includes **round-trip transportation from Chicago** to Spain, up to a \$300 stipend to travel from the student's home airport to Chicago, transportation and guided excursions while in Spain, tuition for classes, lodging in a residence hall of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and most meals. Students will have to purchase their own lunches on these three days that there are out-of-town excursions.

Eligibility

For the 2020 travel award, applicants **MUST**:

- Be a junior in high school during the 2019-2020 academic year
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2019 National Spanish Examination **during** the Spring of 2019 - Level II or above
- Be registered to take the 2020 National Spanish Examination - Level III or above
- Agree to continue studying Spanish during his/her senior year in high school

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

Responsibilities of Winners

1. Winners need to be available one day before the scheduled date of departure and one day after the scheduled return in case arrival in the departure city or return from it on those dates is necessary.
2. Winners are expected to attend all classes and excursions and devote approximately 1 ½ hours each day preparing for classes and excursions.
3. Upon return from the trip, winners will be required to send to the Coordinator of Travel Awards an account of their experiences along with several digital photographs/videos to be published on the NSE website.
4. Winners are expected to purchase a round-trip flight from their home airport to Chicago (ORD) airport and bring with them \$100 to cover the cost of tips and lunches on the days that there are out-of-town excursions.

NOTE: If a student cannot travel during the specified time, the trip will be forfeited, and another student will be chosen. The trip may not be postponed to another year.

If a student accepts the trip and is ticketed but then does not complete the trip, he/she will be charged \$3,200 for the value of the trip.

Dates / Deadlines

- Application deadline: February 15, 2020
- Notification of winners: April 1, 2020
- Travel to Spain: June 24–July 5, 2020

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By February 15, 2020, applicants should fill out the online application form posted at <https://www.quia.com/sv/1009158.html>

By February 15, 2020, email the following items to scholarships@nationalspanishexam.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 applicantsVideo 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 two double-spaced pages in which you pick ONE of the following topics: (*File name: Student Name – Essay*)
 - How do you think your experience in Spain 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 Spain experience and how will you prepare yourself to meet these challenges?NOTE: The **teacher should sign** the essay stating that it is exclusively student work.
3. High School **transcript** (does not have to be an official transcript) (*File Name: Student Name- Transcript*)
4. List of **extra-curricular activities**. (*File Name: Student Name – Extra*)
5. **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*)
6. **Letter of recommendation** from someone outside your family who knows you well enough to comment on character. (*File Name: Student Name - Other Rec*)
7. **Parent authorization form** completed and signed. (See next page.) (*File Name: Student Name – Parent Authorization*)

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 appropriate file name as stated. The video should be uploaded to YouTube. Email the submission to: scholarships@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: Junior Study Abroad Applicant – Student’s Name.

For inquiries, contact Jamise Kafoure, Director of Junior Travel Awards at jkafoure@nationalspanishexam.org

Parent Authorization

Junior Study Abroad Program in Spain – 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please complete and sign the following form to give your son/daughter permission to travel to Spain should he/she be selected as a Study Abroad Scholarship recipient.

1. I authorize my son/daughter to travel to Spain as an award winner of the National Spanish Examinations.
2. I agree to provide my son/daughter with transportation (less a \$300 reimbursement from National Spanish Examinations) from our home airport to Chicago – ORD airport.
3. While the students will be adequately supervised once they arrive in the US departure city, I understand that my son/daughter must travel alone from his/her home airport to the Chicago (ORD) airport where he/she will be greeted by NSE staff at baggage claim.
4. If my son/daughter is selected, accepts the trip, and is ticketed but does not successfully complete the trip, I agree to pay \$3,200 to National Spanish Examinations, the full cost of the scholarship.

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