

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 twenty-four (24) study abroad scholarships to Spain in July 2018.

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 in the afternoon 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 New York** to Spain, up to a \$300 stipend to travel from the student's home airport to New York, transportation and guided excursions while in Spain, tuition for classes, lodging in a residence hall of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and all meals.

Eligibility

For the 2018 travel award, applicants **MUST**:

- Be a junior in high school during the 2017-2018 academic year
- Have received medal placement by scoring at or above the 75th-percentile on the 2017 National Spanish Examination **during** the Spring of 2017 - Level II or above
- Be registered to take the 2018 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 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 to be published on the NSE website.

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, 2018
- Notification of winners: April 1, 2018
- Travel to Spain: July 10-20, 2018

Application Procedure

In order for the student to be considered eligible, all of the following application materials must be sent as separate PDF attachments within the same email message to lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: Junior Study Abroad Applicant – Student’s Name.

1. The **application form**
2. 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 you feel the committee should award you the trip 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 your application email.
3. One **essay** in Spanish of no more than two double-spaced pages in which you pick ONE of the following topics:
 - How do you think your experience in Spain will change you personally as a human being and impact you as a global citizen?
 - You have just been chosen to have a private conversation with a world leader. Who would that leader be and what would you discuss?NOTE: The **teacher should sign** the essay stating that it is exclusively student work.
4. High School **transcript** (does not have to be an official transcript)
5. List of **extra-curricular activities**.

The following teacher recommendation should be sent directly from the teacher writing the recommendation to lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: Junior Study Abroad Teacher Recommendation – Student’s Name.

6. **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.

The following character recommendation should be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation to lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org. The subject line should read: Junior Study Abroad Character Recommendation – Student’s Name.

7. **Letter of recommendation** from someone outside your family who knows you well enough to comment on character.

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

STUDENT INFORMATION					
Student's Name:					
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Telephone:		Is student a United States Citizen?:	yes	no	
Student's e-mail address:					
I <u>have also</u> / <u>have not</u> (choose one) applied for the Junior Travel Award through the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica			Student's home airport:		
I am currently enrolled in: (circle one)	Spanish III	Spanish IV	Spanish V	Spanish VI	
National Spanish Exam taken last year in 2017	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	

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

PARENT AUTHORIZATION			
I authorize my son/daughter to travel to Spain as an award winner of the National Spanish Examinations. I agree (1) to provide my son/daughter with transportation (less a \$300 reimbursement) from the home airport to New York and (2) to pay \$3,200 if my son/daughter does not complete the trip. 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 New York JFK airport where he/she will be greeted by NSE staff at baggage claim.			
Parent's Signature		Parent's Cell	
Parent's Email		Date	