

Scholarships for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and Costa Rica



Six (6) Scholarships

The National Spanish Examinations (NSE), a program of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to providing teachers with opportunities to continue their professional development so as to design instruction and assessments from first hand experiences with Spanish language and culture. To this end, NSE will offer four (4) scholarships for up to \$4100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and two (2) scholarships for up to \$2100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Costa Rica. The scholarships are offered through MLSA (Modern Language Studies Abroad).

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2017 scholarship, applicants MUST:

- Be a current member of AATSP
- Have administered the online National Spanish Examination in 2016
- Be registered to administer the online National Spanish Examination in 2017
- Be a full-time Spanish teacher in a public, private or parochial school for the 2016-2017 academic year
- Have a minimum of 3 years teaching experience in Spanish.

COMMITMENT

Applicants must commit to participate in the four (4) week study abroad program in Spain or Costa Rica during the summer of 2017 as outlined at <http://www.mlsa.com>.

Applicants agree to successfully complete 6 graduate credits paid for by the scholarship.

Applicants agree to document their experiences through keeping an online blog (journal and digital photographs) to be shared with other AATSP / NSE colleagues via the Internet.

Applicants agree to pay (1) airfare from their home airport to their destination and (2) any costs not included as outlined at <http://www.mlsa.com>.

SELECTION and PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

All applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2017. The proposals will be reviewed in early February and the recipient will be notified by February 28, 2017. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to MLSA.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Fill out the application form and write an application letter**

- A. Fill out the application form posted at www.nationalspanishexam.org.
- B. Type out an explanation as to (1) why you would like to study abroad and (2) why the committee should award this travel scholarship to you given that there are many other qualified applicants. The explanation must be written in Spanish.

2. **Provide a letter of recommendation**

Applicants must attach to the proposal one (1) letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a qualified person who can speak for the applicant's ability to be successful in completing a study abroad experience.

3. **Provide a resume or (CV) curriculum vitae**

Applicants must attach to the proposal either a resume or curriculum vitae.

4. **Attach college transcript(s)**

Applicants must include a copy of his/her college transcript(s). These do not have to be official copies but can be photocopies.

5. **Email the completed application by January 15, 2017 to:**

lmikenas@nationalspanishexam.org

The subject line should read: Teacher Study Abroad-Teacher's name.

The application form and application letter, letter of recommendation, CV, and college transcripts should be scanned in PDF format and attached electronically to the email as separate attachments.

Please note: All application materials become the property of National Spanish Examinations and will not be returned.

TEACHER APPLICATION FOR STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

TEACHER INFORMATION					
Name:					
Home Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Telephone:		AATSP#:			
E-mail address:					
I am applying for the travel scholarship to:	Spain	Costa Rica	either		
Previous study abroad with dates of study (attach a separate sheet if necessary)					
Previous travel experience abroad with dates of travel (attach a separate sheet if necessary)					

SCHOOL INFORMATION					
Name of School:					
Street Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Type of School: (circle one)	Public	Private	Independent		
School telephone:					
Teacher's e-mail address:					
Years of experience at present school:		Years of experience total:			
How many years have you been giving the NSE?:					
Courses which you are teaching during the current academic year:					