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**National Spanish  
Examinations**



**WHAT ARE  
THESE  
NATIONAL  
COMPETITIONS?**

**Discover**

Our Suite of Exams and  
Opportunities for Students  
and Teachers

*Language*  
**OPENS  
DOORS**

# WHAT ARE THESE COMPETITONS?

## Our Purpose

- To recognize academic achievements
- To promote proficiency in interpretive communication
- To assess individual students in comparison to the national standards
- To stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish & Portuguese

The National Spanish & Portuguese Exams are motivational contests to **recognize** student achievements, to promote language proficiency, and to **stimulate** further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish & Portuguese.

The NSE is committed to providing teachers with assessment tools and offering students opportunities to know their language skill ratings in vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension.

Many teachers state that they use these National Examinations to prepare students to take other standardized tests such as AP, IB, SAT II and college placement exams. Many administrators state that they can use data from our National Examinations to create reports to show how their schools have improved over an academic year.

Our exams evaluate both content and performance standards through authentic texts.

1. Content Standards (Vocabulary & Grammar)
  - a. What a student should know in a content area at a particular level
2. Performance Standards (Reading & Listening)
  - a. What a student should be able to do at a particular proficiency level

## National Spanish Exam (NSE)



**For Middle - High School**

**Available Prizes:**

- Certificates
- Medals

**AATSP Members & Non-Members**

The **National Spanish Exam** is an online, standardized assessment competition for Grades 6 -12, given voluntarily by about 4,000 middle and high school teachers throughout the United States, to measure performance (interpretive communication) and achievement of students who are studying Spanish as a second language.

## National Portuguese Exam (NPE)



**For Middle - High School**

**Available Prizes:**

- Certificates
- Medals

**AATSP Members & Non-Members**

The **National Portuguese Exam** is an online, standardized assessment competition for Grades 5-12, given voluntarily by middle and high school teachers throughout the United States, to measure achievement and performance (interpretive communication) of students who are studying Portuguese as a second language.

## National Spanish Challenge (NSC)



**For 1st - 6th Graders**

**Available Prizes:**

- Certificates
- Ribbons

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The **National Spanish Challenge** (1st-6th grade competition) has its own specifications and content. There are five Divisions of Competition and students can earn ribbons, certificates, and scholarship opportunities without being burdened by individualized competitive national rankings.

## National Spanish Assessment (NSA)



**For Elementary to Post-Secondary Students**

**Available Prizes:**

- Certificate of Completion

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Teachers use the **National Spanish Assessments** as an evaluation, measurement, placement, and formative assessment tool that can be used up to 3 times throughout the school year. The NSA also prepares students for the NSE - without entering the competition.

## Levels

Students must be registered for the National Examination in the level which corresponds to the same course for which the student is receiving credit.

## Categories

Students with like-exposure compete with each other by registering in one of three competition categories:

- Classroom Experience
- Outside Experience
- Bilingual

## Scoring

The National Spanish & Portuguese Exams are scored using National Percentiles, the National Spanish Challenge is scored by points, and the National Spanish Assessments provide raw scores and percentages.

## Prizes

There are several ways that NSE nationally acknowledges our students and teachers for making outstanding achievements:

- **Certificates • Medals • NSE Shout-Outs**
- **Scholarships for Students**
  - Senior Scholarships
  - Junior Study Abroad Scholarships
  - Global Citizen Scholarships
- **Teacher Awards**
  - Study Abroad Scholarships
  - Stipends to attend the Annual AATSP Conference

## Cost

There are only two costs associated with proctoring the NSE's suite of exams:

- Per Teacher (AATSP members do not have to pay the \$75 per teacher cost, as giving our Exams is a benefit of having an active AATSP membership)
- Per Student (competitions cost a national fee of \$5 during regular registration and the NSA costs only \$4)

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# GLOBAL CITIZEN Scholarships

## KCB GLOBAL CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP

- Summer Camps for Ages 10+
- Residential and Virtual Options
  - Spanish Language Immersion
  - Portuguese Language Immersion
- Spanish Virtual Camp

Hosted by:  CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES  United Planet



# JUNIOR Travel SCHOLARSHIP

## JUNIOR TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

- Travel Abroad Opportunity
- For High School Juniors
- Spanish Language Immersion
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Optional Internship

Hosted by:  United Planet

# SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

- Monetary Award
- For High School Seniors
- To Support Post-Secondary Expenses
- Available for NSE or NPE Students
- Must be a Graduating Senior
- Must Win Gold, Silver or Bronze\*



\*Eligibility requirements will vary. Please visit our website for information, dates, and requirements.