



2026 Scholarships for Teachers to Travel to Guatemala with the *Pulsera Project*

The AATSP Exams (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. To this end, AATSP Exams is offering one scholarship for Teacher Travel to Guatemala. The scholarship is provided through our collaboration with The Pulsera Project / Color the World and will include excursions to Antigua, Quetzaltenango, and Panajachel. Food, lodging, local transportation, and insurance are all included. In addition, a stipend of \$400.00 will be given to help offset airfare cost.

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2026 stipend, applicants MUST:

- Be a current member of the AATSP.
- Be registered to administer the online National Spanish Exam, National Spanish Challenge, National Spanish Assessments or National Portuguese Exam in 2025/26.
- Have administered at least *one* of the following exams in the 2023/24 OR 2024/25 academic year: National Spanish Exam, National Spanish Challenge, National Spanish Assessments or National Portuguese Exam.
- Be a full-time Spanish or Portuguese teacher in a public, private or parochial school for the 2025/26 academic year.
- Have a minimum of 1 year of teaching experience.

COMMITMENT

Applicants must commit to participate in the one-week study abroad program in Guatemala, July 8-16, 2026, as outlined in the itinerary. In order to prove acceptance of the scholarship, the winning teacher will be expected to create a short bio, along with a photo, and submit confirmation to: nse@aatsp.org.

Applicants should be aware that vaccinations (COVID and others) for international travel may be required as well as additional COVID testing.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Winners must attend the entire trip to Guatemala.
2. Winners must secure their own transportation and submit confirmation to nse@aatsp.org.
3. If the winner cannot attend the entire scholarship program, the trip will be forfeited and another applicant will be chosen. *This award may not be postponed to another year.*
4. Upon return from Guatemala, recipients agree to send an account of their experiences, such as via an online blog (journal and digital photographs and/or videos), to nse@aatsp.org to be shared with the staff of the AATSP Exams / AATSP as well as Pulsera Project and to be published on the AATSP Exams website. *This account must include several digital photographs (and/or videos) to be published on the AATSP Exams/AATSP websites and can be submitted via email, google form, or link to an online blog/video log.*
5. Winner is asked to share some part of their experience with AATSP, either as a presentation at an AATSP Conference, an AATSP webinar, or a detailed lesson plan that can be used in a classroom.

SELECTION and PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

All applications must be postmarked by January 5, 2026. The proposals will be reviewed in late January and the recipient will be notified by February 13, 2026. Applicants agree to sign the required liability forms and travel at their own risk as well as pay any costs not included as mentioned above. The winning applicant will be given Professional Development credit upon proof of successful completion of the trip and scholarship requirements.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. **Fill out the application form:** [Guatemala Application Form](#).
2. **Provide a letter of recommendation** (File name: Applicant Name – Recommendation): Applicants must attach to the application form 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** (File name: Applicant Name – Resume/CV): Applicants must attach to the application form either a resume or curriculum vitae.

If you have any questions regarding the award, application procedure, or application process please email nse@aatsp.org.

Please note: All application materials become the property of AATSP Exams and will not be returned.