Senior Scholarships

Pursuant to its mission, the AATSP Exams (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 studies of Spanish and Portuguese. To this end, the NSE will offer scholarships of $1,000 to graduating seniors in 2027 to support their post-secondary educational expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

For this scholarship, applicants *must*:

- Be a graduating senior that has scored at or above the 75th percentile on the 2024/25 and 2025/26 NSE/NPE *and* be taking the NSE/NPE during the 2026/27 academic year.
- The graduating senior must be entering a college/university/trade school in the immediately following academic year (no gap-year exceptions).

Note: *One* student *per* teacher may apply and teachers must select an applicant from their own school. Students may apply for scholarships from the SHH (NSE's sister organization) in addition to the *NSE, but they may only be awarded ONE scholarship. If a student *does not* attend a tertiary educational facility immediately following graduation from high school, the scholarship will be forfeited.

*Seniors are welcome to apply to both NSE Senior Scholarships: the $1000 towards college and the Universidad de Salamanca Study Abroad Scholarship

SELECTION

The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the recipients will be notified by May 31st, 2027. The winners will then need to find some information about their intended school. Shortly thereafter, the school will receive the scholarship funds directly from the NSE on behalf of the scholarship recipient.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

By **May 3, 2027**, applicants should fill out the online application form posted here.

1. A link to a standard **video clip** *in Spanish* posted on YouTube in which you:

    - Discuss with your teacher your plans for using Spanish in your future career
    - Are spontaneous and conversational in tone and are the dominant speaker
    - Speak with your teacher a maximum of 5 minutes without stopping the recording

2. One **persuasive essay** *in Spanish* of no more than one typewritten page in which you discuss ONE of the following topics: ***(File name: Student Name – Essay)***

    - Explain the importance of proficiency testing and knowing your own proficiency level.
    - Convince your parents that learning a second language is vital for employment in the 21st Century.
    - Explain how virtual learning can be helpful or hindering when learning a language.

3. High School **transcript** (with 7 semesters of grades) ***OR*** a signed statement from sponsoring teacher and one parent/guardian stating that the applicant is completing their final/senior year in high school and will be moving on at the end of the 2026/27 year: ***(File Name: Student Name – Transcript)***

4. One **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, principal, or counselor.

In order for the student to be considered eligible, all of the application materials must be uploaded to the appropriate Google Form. All documents/uploads *must* use the designated file names. The video should be uploaded to YouTube and the link must also be included on the Google Form.