

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE TEACHING  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Summer 2010

DEADLINE: January 1, 2010

The SWCOLT Scholarship is a professional development opportunity to study abroad for foreign language educators in the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.

Successful scholarship applicants will be asked to join SWCOLT. A total of six scholarships will be awarded by the The Goethe Institut, Adadémie des langues de Trois-Pistoles, Centro MundoLengua, Universidad Internacional-Center for Linguistic Multicultural Studies, The Cemanahuac Educational Community, and Academia Latinoamericana de Español.

The scholarships will be formally presented at the Scholarships Luncheon at the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 8 - 10, 2010. Soon after, the scholarship recipients will be contacted directly by the scholarship sponsor/institute for the details of the program, such as dates, classes, lodging, and information about the location. If selected, recipients must give careful consideration that they must attend the study abroad experience.

Upon their return from their scholarship, recipients will be expected to write an article with photos regarding their experiences to be published in the SWCOLT Newsletter.

SWCOLT is aware that the travel involved in the receipt of these scholarships can be very expensive. SWCOLT will award a \$300.00 travel reimbursement to scholarship winners of summer language study programs. We will also help you, upon your request, with letters that you could use with your state foreign language association, your administrators, PTA's, Booster Clubs, or other organizations that might help you with your travel funds.

*Please check the appropriate space to indicate the scholarship for which you are applying (for Spanish language educators, please number in order of preference):*

_____ Goethe-Institut (Nov. 1 deadline)	_____ Universidad Internacional-Center for Linguistic Multicultural Studies (Cuernavaca, México)
_____ Académie des langues de Trois-Pistoles (Québec, Canada)	_____ The Cemanáhuac Educational Community (Cuernavaca, México)
_____ Centro MundoLengua (Seville, Spain)	_____ Academia Latinoamerica de Español (Perú, Bolivia or Ecuador)

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Are you currently a SWCOLT member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(If selected, you will be asked to join)

2. What language/s do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_ French \_\_\_\_\_ German \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish

3. How many years have you taught the language/s? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your fluency in the language/s?

\_\_\_\_\_ Superior \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Novice

5. Have you ever traveled or lived in the countries where this language is spoken?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, how many times, for how long and for what purpose?

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6. Do you intend to teach this language for at least three more years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

7. If selected as a scholarship recipient, would you be willing to present a session/workshop at next year's SWCOLT conference?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Along with your application, please submit a letter of recommendation from a supervisor, administrator, or department chair AND one letter of recommendation from a current or former student.

PERSONAL ESSAY:

Please attach a current Curriculum Vitae and a 250-500 word essay written in the target language of the scholarship for which you are applying, addressing the following:

- Goal/purpose of the study abroad experience
- Benefits of this scholarship for you and your students
- Contributions you have made to the foreign language profession (presentations, membership in organizations, school involvement, club sponsorship, etc).
- Contributions at the district, regional or state level regarding curriculum development, committee work and other initiatives.
- Professional development participation in order to improve foreign language instruction

DEADLINE:

The completed scholarship application, letters of recommendation and personal essay must be postmarked no later than JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Successful candidates will be notified by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Goethe Institut scholarship application is due November 1 as per the Institut's guidelines.

Please mail the originals and *three* copies to:

Linda Bedson  
SWCOLT Scholarships Chairperson  
5428 E. St. John Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

All scholarship candidates will receive notification that the application has been received. If candidates have any questions regarding the application or the application process, please contact Linda at the above address at 602-493-1249 or at her email:

[Bedson1@cox.net](mailto:Bedson1@cox.net)

NOTE: Most of the scholarships are for summer study. If you submit an application, please give careful consideration that you must attend if you are selected. Failure to do so may jeopardize scholarships for future SWCOLT members. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please sign your initials here indicating that you understand the above statement and if selected, you will attend your study-abroad experience.

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Printed Name of Applicant:

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Signature of Applicant:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_