

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE TEACHING
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
for 2012

Postmarked DEADLINE: February 25, 2012

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 four scholarships will be awarded by: 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 Awards and Scholarships Luncheon at the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching in Phoenix, Arizona, April 12-14th, 2012. 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 study experience, 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 the scholarship winners of 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 from 1 - 4):

_____ Universidad Internacional-Center for Linguistic Multicultural Studies (Cuernavaca, México)

_____ The Cemanáhuac Educational Community (Cuernavaca, México)

_____ Centro MundoLengua (Seville, Spain)

_____ Dr. Candace Dugan Scholarship at Academia Latinoamerica de Español (Ecuador)

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? _____ Spanish _____ Other (Please Specify) _____

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

4. What is your fluency in Spanish?

_____ Superior _____ Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Novice

5. Have you ever traveled to or lived in the countries where Spanish is spoken?

_____ Yes _____ No

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

6. Do you intend to teach Spanish 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 in Nevada?

_____ 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.) at the district, regional and/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 February 25, 2012. Successful candidates will be notified by March 11, 2012. Please mail the original and **three** copies to:

Judith Cale
SWCOLT Scholarships Chairperson
5209 S. Sicily St.
Aurora, Colorado 80015

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 Judith Cale at the above address, at 303-699-6291 or at her email: bojudycal@msn.com

NOTE: The scholarships are for 2012. 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.

_____ Please sign your initials here indicating that you understand the above statement, and if selected, you will attend and complete your study-abroad experience. In addition, SWCOLT will award a \$300.00 travel reimbursement to scholarship winners.

Printed name of applicant: _____

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____