

Resources for Teachers and Students Interested in World Language Education

Category	Information and links	Program deadlines
Prepared resources to promote language teaching as a career to high school and college students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTFL has created 10 ready-to-use <u>modules</u> to engage your high school and college students to explore language teaching as a career. K-12 <u>Language Outreach</u> (NSA) offers a variety of enrichment activities to inspire student interest in world languages and inform them about language-related career opportunities PSEA is the state coordinator for <u>Educators Rising</u>, which allows for education classes to be taught at the high school level by high school teachers NSA <u>presentations</u> are interactive enrichment talks and activities lasting 30-60 minutes intended for students interested in language and/or culture Jobs & internships with <u>NSA</u> (National Security Agency) Why learn a language? Here is a <u>link</u> with numerous resources to explain the numerous reasons to learn a language. 	
Programs and opportunities to promote language teaching as a career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary world language program- high school students teach language and culture to younger students Serve as a world language teacher assistant- students shadow a language teacher and assist with teacher-related tasks and teaching small parts of lessons School trip abroad- students travel to a country where the language being studied is spoken Global Scholars <u>Program</u> exposes students to interdisciplinary studies and activities that are global in nature A World Language Career <u>Symposium</u> provides students the opportunity to explore careers that have ties to language and/or diverse cultures The PA <u>Seal</u> of Biliteracy recognizes high school students who attained intermediate-high or advanced proficiency in English and a second language upon high school graduation 	<p>Global Scholars: Apr.1</p> <p>PA Seal of Biliteracy: complete reporting form on PSMLA webpage (Advocacy tab > PA Seal of Biliteracy) by mid-July</p>
Teacher awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSMLA Teacher <u>Awards</u> PSMLA Teacher of the Year: minimum of five years in WL education PSMLA Outstanding World Language Educator 	<p>PSMLA TOY: March 31</p> <p>PSMLA Outstanding:</p>

	<p>of the Year: minimum of 10 years in WL education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit Award: individuals or institutions who have rendered exceptional service in the promotion of foreign languages • Frank Mulhern <u>Leadership</u> Award: recognizes exemplary leadership in WL education in the state, region or nation • Mead Leadership <u>Fellowship</u>: designed to identify potential leaders in education and to support their endeavors • <u>AATSP Awards</u> recognize Spanish and Portuguese teachers • AATG • AATF 	<p>March 31</p> <p>Merit: Nominations solicited at ExCo meeting in April Mulhern: Nominations solicited at Exco meeting in Jan. Mead: December 1</p> <p>AATSP Awards: vary by award</p>
Teacher scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Teaching Assistant Program in <u>France</u> offers scholarships to work as a teaching assistant in English for 7-12 months • <u>Fulbright</u> Foreign Lang. Teaching Program offers scholarships to non-U.S. college graduates or teachers to work as a teaching assistant in over 30 languages at institutions of higher education • <u>Wayside Publishing</u> provides language teachers with monthly scholarship opportunities. Scholarships range from \$50-\$500. • <u>Fund for Teachers</u> provides ideas for fellowship ideas and grants funding to carry out a variety of projects • Experitas PSMLA Language Matters Classroom Grant provides language teachers who are PSMLA members teaching at a Title I school with \$250 for classroom needs 	<p>Teaching Assistant Program: - mid-October to mid-January every year</p> <p>Fulbright- varies</p> <p>Wayside Publishing: -open monthly</p> <p>Fund for Teachers -opens Oct.1st</p>
Teacher study abroad opportunities and grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program</u> involves a year, semester, or six-week-long direct exchange of teaching positions with a counterpart in another country teaching the same subject and level • <u>York Twinning association</u> offers teachers the opportunity to host teachers from Germany or France and to stay in France or Germany for 10 days - 2 weeks • <u>Colegio Delibes</u> offers a 1-week course in Spain for strategies and methodologies in the classroom (ACTFL) • <u>Celas Mayas</u> scholarship offers 2 weeks (20 hours) of classes in Guatemala (ACTFL) • <u>Centro Linguistico Italiano Dante Alighieri Roma</u> offers language courses in Rome, Italy (ACTFL) 	<p>Fullbright - varies</p> <p>York Twinning Association - varies</p> <p>Colegio Delibes - April 26</p> <p>Cales Mayas - April 26</p> <p>ACTFL - April 30</p> <p>PennAce - July 1</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PennACE</u> grants fund collaborative university/college projects • <u>The NEA Foundation</u> grants and fellowships to enhance your classroom experience • PSMLA <u>Peer Mentoring Program</u> aims to support novice world language teachers with fewer than three years of teaching experience • <u>North American Language and Culture Assistants Program</u> offers people age 18-60 the chance to be a teaching assistant in Spain. • <u>ISEP</u> French Language, Literature, and Culture Study Abroad offers courses in beginner, intermediate and advance French while living in France • French Teacher <u>Training</u> Program is for non-native French speakers who want to improve their teaching of French • AATSP <u>Research Scholarship</u> and <u>Travel Scholarship</u> provide opportunities for Spanish and Portuguese teachers to study abroad 	<p>NEA - varies</p> <p>North American and Culture Assistants program -April 5</p> <p>ISEP - varies by program</p> <p>French Teacher Training Program- no deadline</p> <p>AATSP Research- April 1 AATSP Travel Scholarship - April 5</p>
College student scholarships for students pursuing a degree in WL education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>TEACH Grant</u> by the US Department of Education provides grants up to \$4,000 a year to students who commit to teaching a high-need foreign language for 4 years after graduating. • <u>PA Student Teacher Support Program</u>: PHEAA provides \$10,000 toward student teachers who meet program requirements and an additional \$5,000 for those in high-need areas • <u>Pennsylvania State Grant Program</u>: The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) offers need-based grants to eligible Pennsylvania residents. These grants can be used for various fields of study, including education. • <u>Expanish Scholarship</u> offers 2 weeks of intensive Spanish instruction • <u>North American Language and Culture Assistants Program</u> offers people age 18-60 the chance to be a teaching assistant in Spain. Spanish classes in Spain or Argentina (16 yrs.or older) 	<p>Teach Grant - June 30</p> <p>PHEAA - December 15</p> <p>PA State grant - June 1</p> <p>Expanish Scholarship- June 30</p> <p>North American and Culture Assistants program -April 5</p>
Undergraduate/graduate study abroad programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>Critical Language Scholarship Program</u> provides full funded overseas instruction for students studying a critical language at the undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate level. • The <u>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship</u> provides funds for undergraduate students wishing to pursue their college studies abroad. The program is open to U.S. 	<p>Critical Language Scholarship - date for 2025 application not yet posted</p> <p>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship - Oct.10</p>

	<p>undergraduate students who have qualified for the Pell Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>Project Go Initiative</u> provides funding for undergraduate students pursuing degrees in one of the Army's designated critical need languages. Students must be enrolled in the ROTC, with the intention of completing a term of service as an enlisted officer in the U.S. Army. • The <u>Boren Awards for International Study</u> offers scholarships for students interested in pursuing studies in languages and cultures that are critical to US interests abroad. An emphasis is placed on the study of less commonly taught languages and recipients must be prepared to work in a National Security capacity following graduation. • <u>IES Study Abroad Program</u> is open to students who have excelled in the study of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Hindi, Italian or Spanish. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an IES Study abroad program, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.3. • <u>ProjectGO</u> offers opportunities for college and graduate students to study languages domestically and abroad • The <u>Fulbright U.S. Student Program</u> for the 2025-2026 academic year is accepting applications through October 8th. This program provides opportunities to graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals. Program participants receive grants to pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English in more than 140 countries worldwide. • <u>The Language Flagship</u>: This initiative by the National Security Education Program has scholarships and stipends available for students pursuing advanced language education. Opportunities exist for languages like Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian, and Russian. • <u>North American Language and Culture Assistants Program</u> offers people aged 18-60 the chance to be a teaching assistant in Spain. • <u>Verto Education</u> has a first-year college study abroad program for students as a path to admission to one of Verto's partner universities • University of Virginia <u>TA Exchange Programs</u> in France allow graduate students to work 12 hours a week while living in France and taking classes at the university • <u>Institute of International Education</u> (iie) provides 	<p>Project Go Initiative - varies by program</p> <p>Boren Awards - varies by award</p> <p>IES - varies by program</p> <p>Fulbright Student Program - Oct.8</p> <p>Language Flagship-varies</p> <p>North American and Culture Assistants program -April 5</p> <p>Verto Education - rolling admissions</p> <p>TA Exchange Program - February 15</p> <p>IIE - varies</p>
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	scholarships for study abroad opportunities	
High school student scholarships for future language educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vista Higher Learning</u> is offering a \$1000 scholarship to K-12 and higher education students who plan to pursue a career in world languages teaching. • <u>The Language Connects Foundations</u> is offering graduating seniors who are committed to pursuing a career in teaching languages other than English with \$1,500. This scholarship is renewable for up to three academic years • <u>Penn State Summer Language Institute</u> is for high school and college students who have expressed financial need and are enrolled in their summer language program scholarships. The scholarship is targeted towards students who are planning to enroll in languages that aren't commonly taught. • <u>Pennsylvania Future Educators Association (PFEA) Scholarships</u>: PFEA offers scholarships to high school seniors who are members of the association and plan to pursue a career in education. • <u>T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Pennsylvania Scholarship</u>: This program supports early childhood education students in Pennsylvania. It provides financial assistance to those pursuing degrees in early childhood education or related fields. • <u>The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Scholarships</u>: Each PASSHE university may offer scholarships for education majors. Check with the specific PASSHE institution you plan to attend. • <u>Seal of Biliteracy Achievement Scholarship</u> offers competitive \$500, \$300 and \$200 scholarships to juniors and seniors who have earned the PA Seal of Biliteracy (intermediate-high proficiency in all skills tested) • <u>PSEA</u> has awards/scholarships for current and prospective teachers (all areas, not limited to language teachers) 	<p>VHL- Jan.15</p> <p>Language Connects Foundation - May 31</p> <p>Penn State Summer Language Institute - May 1</p> <p>T.E.A.C.H. - July 12</p> <p>Seal of Biliteracy- May 31</p> <p>PSEA - Feb 1</p>
High school study abroad opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>York Twinning Association</u> offers high school students the opportunity to stay with a host family in Germany or France for 2 weeks during the summer and to host a student at their home in the U.S. for 2 weeks in the fall of the same year • The <u>National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)</u>: This program, sponsored by the 	<p>YTA application: Dec.15</p> <p>NSLI-Y: Nov.9</p>

	<p>U.S. Department of State, offers merit-based scholarships for high school students to learn less commonly taught languages through summer abroad programs and academic year exchanges. Participants commit to sharing their language skills through community service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Expanish Scholarship</u> offers 2 weeks of intensive Spanish classes in Spain or Argentina (16 yrs.or older) • <u>GoAbroad</u> provides links to foreign language scholarships for college and highschool students. Opportunities for languages such as Hindi, Mandarin, Indonesian, Arabic, and German exist • <u>Xperitas Writing Scholarship</u> offers merit based scholarships for students registered for immersion programs through Xperitas • <u>CIEE Global Navigator Scholarship Fund</u> offers study abroad scholarships to high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors. You can also apply to earn 4 <u>college credits</u> for your study abroad experience. 	<p>Expanish Scholarship: Mar 30</p> <p>GoAbroad: varies</p> <p>Xperitas- Oct.15</p> <p>CIEE- Jan.24</p>
High school student world language awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSMLA Outstanding High School Graduating World Language Student <u>Award</u> • PSMLA Student Recognition <u>Award</u> • <u>AATF</u>, <u>AATSP</u>, <u>AATG</u> have national contests and honor societies (sponsoring teacher must be member) 	<p>PSMLA Outstanding: Mar 31</p> <p>PSMLA Recognition: Apr.25</p>
Language learning resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NFLC e-portal</u> has a variety of resources to learn a language • <u>Lectia</u> is a free language learning app • <u>STARTALK</u> offers free language learning resources K-12 • <u>STARTALK Create</u> offers a place to share and view WL lesson plans • <u>Teachers of Critical Languages Program</u> resources • NEA Foundation <u>Global Learning Resource Library</u> offers educators resources for incorporating global learning in their classroom 	<p>NEA Foundation - May 1</p>