

Cemanahuac/MaFLA Award

Are you looking to improve your proficiency in Spanish? Are you a French/German/Italian teacher who has recently discovered that you are teaching a few classes in Spanish? Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of Mexico and its culture? Then perhaps you are the perfect candidate for this cooperative effort between the Cemanahuac Educational Community and MaFLA. For the twentieth year the Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Mexico, is offering a full two-week scholarship for a MaFLA member. The scholarship is for two weeks of intensive Spanish language study in Cuernavaca. Family housing (double room), Cemanahuac's Latin American studies classes, one field trip, a certificate of achievement, and registration are included. The value of this scholarship is \$1129.00. The recipient can attend Cemanahuac any time during 2017, and if he/she wishes to stay beyond the two weeks, Cemanahuac will offer the recipient a reduced tuition fee. Winner is responsible for air transportation, transfer to Cuernavaca, textbook and personal expenses.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a member in good standing of MaFLA; be a full-time teacher in a public or private school, elementary through high school level during the 2016-2017 school year; and must carry a teaching load of at least 40% Spanish classes. Applicant must also be willing to share his/her experience by presenting a session at the MaFLA Conference.

The selection committee will be composed of members of the MaFLA Board of Directors and will consider:

- merit as evidenced by professional commitment to and involvement in the teaching of Spanish;
- need for an immersion experience in Mexico;
- how the applicant perceives that the experience will enhance his/her teaching as expressed in a personal statement written in Spanish;
- evidence of institutional support, in the form of a letter of recommendation from the applicant's department chairperson or principal;
- willingness of the selected teacher to provide a session at the annual MaFLA Conference.

Cemanahuac Scholarship Application Form

Please print or type

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Phone: _____

School Address: _____

Classes taught in 2016-2017: _____

Years teaching: full time _____ part time _____ Years teaching Spanish at least 40% of load _____

If awarded the scholarship, I agree to make a presentation at the annual MaFLA Conference and/or write an article for the MaFLA newsletter on my immersion experience.

Signature _____

Please submit the following with your application

Cover Letter: Please submit a cover letter, in English, with a Curriculum Vitae listing your educational degrees, professional activities, membership in professional organizations, and any other information you think would help the committee in evaluating your application.

Immersion Experience: List experience in a Spanish-speaking country or in the US. Include dates of undergraduate and graduate study, personal and school-affiliated travel, and work.

Statement: Write a 200-word statement in Spanish describing what you would expect to gain from studying in Cuernavaca and how the experience would enhance your teaching.

Recommendation: Include with your application a letter of support, in a sealed envelope, from your department chairperson or principal.

Submit the application form and supporting materials by **March 31, 2017**, to:

Ronie R. Webster, 41 Glenn Drive, Wilbraham, MA 01095-1439

The winning candidate will be notified by April 30, 2017.