ESCOLA TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANT

What is it?
The Maryland Foreign Language Association has established the Escola Teacher Incentive Grant to offer financial support to a MFLA member who wishes to complete a project related to classroom instruction. Projects such as the following are acceptable: videos, presentations, written instructional units, handbooks for students, online activities, websites, apps, games, and similar instructional resources. Applications will be evaluated on the attached criteria and the awardee will receive a personal grant of $500 (at the start of the project) and up to an additional $500 for materials (after completion of project and submission of receipts). Please return the completed application by April 13, 2020 to: MFLAawards@gmail.com

Who may apply?
Current MFLA members who are world language teachers at any instructional level K-16. A scholarship may be distributed annually to a qualified teacher. Recipients will not be eligible to receive the award more than once.

What funding is included?
The awardee will receive an initial amount of $500 in late Spring of the award year. The awardee must also agree to share the results of the project/activity with other world language educators via a concurrent session or workshop at the MFLA Fall Conference and/or a written article for the MFLA website with a link to the developed materials.

The awardee may also receive an additional amount up to $500 to cover materials, supplies, and other expenses upon submission of receipts and a project completion report to the Awards Committee Chair by September 1 of the award year.

What is the application procedure?
Applicants must submit the following items:

☐ Escola Teacher Incentive Grant Application
☐ Project Proposal.

What is the application deadline?
All applications must be received by April 13, 2020 at: MFLAawards@gmail.com. Applicants must include all information required in the application packet in order to be evaluated by the Awards Committee. Late applications will not be accepted. The awardee will be notified by May 15, 2020.

What are the criteria for selection?
Members of the Awards Committee of the MFLA Board will review applications, select nominees, and recommend the recipient to the Board, using specified criteria approved by the Board and as outlined on the rubric included in this packet.
ESCOLA TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANT: APPLICATION

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NAME: ____________________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE: _____ ZIP: _______________

HOME PHONE: ___________________ CELL PHONE: ___________________

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS: ____________________________________

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SCHOOL PHONE: _____________ SCHOOL EMAIL: _______________________

LANGUAGE(S) / LEVEL(S) TAUGHT: _______________________________________

_____ YES, I AM A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (If you are unsure of your membership status please contact us at MFLAawards@gmail.com)

_____ YES, I, ________________________________, agree to present at the MFLA Fall Conference.
ESCOLA TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANT: PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: _____________________________________________________________

Provide a brief project overview (100-200 words) to include OBJECTIVES, PROCEDURES, and ASSESSMENT(S).

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. What is your rationale for doing this project?

2. How will you use this project in your teaching?

3. How will students benefit from this project?

4. How will this project benefit other world language teachers?

5. What is your projected use of funds for this project?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________  Date: ____________
Language(s) taught: _________________________________________________________________
Year / Title of Project: ________________________________________________________________

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
☐ MFLA member  ☐ Completed proposal

SCORING CRITERIA

Clear relationship to classroom instruction and benefits to the teacher and students
Awards Committee Comments:

Novel or innovative approach to topic
Awards Committee Comments:

Clear statement of project objectives, procedures, and assessments
Awards Committee Comments:

Appropriateness for use with students of all abilities
Awards Committee Comments:

Communicative or proficiency orientation of project
Awards Committee Comments:

FINAL DISPOSITION: ____________________________  TOTAL SCORE: _____/ 100 points