

Texas Foreign Language Association - Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Name of the Nominee: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Nominee's Email: _____
Current Teaching Assignment / Position: _____
School / Institution: _____
District: _____
Address: _____
Nominated for TFLA _____ Teacher of the Year
(Language)

Name of Nominator: _____
Work Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Email: _____
School / Institution: _____

Submit three (3) application packets and this form by March 1 to:

Dorothy Cox, Immediate Past President
Wm. B. Travis High School
11111 Harlem Road, Richmond, Texas 77406

Each application packet must contain the following information:

- 1) A copy of this Teacher of the Year Nomination Form
- 2) Nominator's letter of recommendation: Describe evidence of outstanding teaching, campus and language activities, professional contributions (TFLA), curriculum development and / or publishing, awards, and teaching experience.
- 3) A recent photograph, preferably 2" X 3"
- 4) A letter of recommendation from **each** of the following individuals must be included:
 - a) the nominator
 - b) a student currently enrolled in the nominee's foreign language class
 - c) a letter from an administrator (e.g. LOTE coordinator, department chair, principal)
 - d) a letter from the parent of a student currently enrolled in the nominee's foreign language class
- 5) Nominee's letter: Describe your goal(s) for foreign language study, contributions to the foreign language profession; participation in professional organizations; school involvement; club sponsorship; contributions at the district, regional or state level regarding curriculum development, committee work, presentations, professional development, participation to improve foreign language instruction; and teaching philosophy.

For the Nominator:

Please verify that the nominee meets the following requirements.

- 1) _____ Assigned a minimum of two-thirds time in the designated language.
(Yes)
- 2) _____ Minimum of three years of teaching experience
(Yes)
- 3) _____ Member of the Texas Foreign Language Association _____
(Yes) (Number of Years)

Signature of Nominator: _____ **Date:** _____

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**Texas Foreign Language Association
Rosemary Patterson Memorial Grant**

Rosemary Patterson was an outstanding Spanish Teacher at Amarillo High School for many years where she served as a source of inspiration and role model for teachers and students. She dedicated her life to foreign language study. Rosemary was known for her vast knowledge of Spanish, quick wit, ability to reason, and strong support for and active participation in TFLA. When she passed away in 2003, Rosemary willed part of her estate to the Texas Foreign Language Association. As she requested, TFLA will use the bequest to provide grants to TFLA members for immersion experiences with the goal of improving oral proficiency in the target language. TFLA honored Rosemary by naming the **Rosemary Patterson Memorial Grant** in her memory.

Name of the Applicant: _____
School and District: _____
Work Address: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____
Language(s) Taught: _____
Are you a TFLA member? _____ How long have you been a member? _____
Have you presented a session or workshop for a TFLA conference? _____
Name of the session(s) and/or workshop(s) you presented:

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. There is no specific deadline. An applicant may receive funds from the Rosemary Patterson Memorial Grant no more than once every 5 years.

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Each application packet must contain the following information:

1. A completed copy of the **Rosemary Patterson Memorial Grant Form**
2. A recent photograph, preferably 2" X 3", for the *TFLA Journal*
3. A narrative explaining your plans in detail for addressing the following questions:
 - a. How will you use these funds?
 - b. How will the experience benefit you, your students, colleagues, school, and community?
4. The applicant must agree to prepare an article about the benefits of this grant for the *TFLA Journal* and/or present a session at the TFLA Conference within reasonable amount of time after the immersion experience.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Texas Foreign Language Association
T. Earle Hamilton Student Scholarship Nomination Form

Candidate (Must be a graduating senior): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of High School: _____

Language(s) Studied: _____

Number of Years of Language Instruction (3 Years minimum required): _____

College or University Candidate Will Attend: _____

Intended Major: _____

Intended Minor: _____

Nominating Teacher: _____

(Must be a member of TFLA. Members are allowed **ONE** nomination per year.)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Dorothy Cox, Immediate Past President

Wm. B. Travis High School

11111 Harlem Road, Richmond, Texas 77406

Each application packet must contain the following information:

- 1) A copy of this T. Earle Hamilton Student Scholarship Nomination Form
- 2) A letter of recommendation from the nominating teacher
- 3) An official transcript
- 4) A list of school, community, and language-related activities and awards for grades 9 – 12
- 5) A composition of 200 – 250 words written by the candidate discussing the role language study has played in her / his life and what plans she / he has for studying and using the language in the future
- 6) A recent photograph, preferably 2" X 3", for the TFLA Journal

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____

**Texas Foreign Language Association
Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) Scholarship Form**

Each year the Texas Foreign Language Association awards scholarships to deserving FLES teachers to attend the National FLES Institute of Texas (NFIT) in conjunction with the National Network for Early Language Learning (NNELL). The National FLES Institute of Texas is a 4 ½ day intensive institute which is held at The Hockaday School in Dallas. The mission of the FLES Institute is to provide teachers and administrators with the skills, knowledge and hands-on activities needed for successful FLES programs. For more information, please contact Marcela Gerber, founder and coordinator of the National FLES Institute, at mgerber@mail.hockaday.org.

Name of the FLES Applicant: _____

School and District: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Language(s) Taught: _____

Submit three (3) application packets and this form by March 1 to:

Dorothy Cox, TFLA Immediate Past President
Wm. B. Travis High School
11111 Harlem Road, Richmond, Texas, 77406

Each application packet must contain the following information:

1. A copy of this form (FLES Scholarship Form)
2. A recent photograph, preferably at 2" X 3" photo for the TFLA Journal
3. A narrative explaining how the FLES Scholarship and Institute will benefit you, The FLES program in your school, your students and colleagues.
4. The applicant must agree to prepare an article about the benefits of the FLES Scholarship and the NFIT –NNELL Institute for the Fall TFLA *Journal*.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Principal: _____

Date: _____

Texas Foreign Language Association
The Cemanahuac Educational Community Scholarship

The scholarship will be presented at the TFLA Spring Conference. The recipient must be a member of TFLA and give careful consideration to the required participation in the study program in Cuernavaca, México. The scholarship recipient is expected to write a brief article for the TFLA Fall *Journal* and / or present a session about the Cemanahuac Educational Community Scholarship experience at the next Fall Conference.

Name: _____
School / Institution: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____

Background Information:

1. How many years have you been a member of TFLA? _____
2. How many years have you taught Spanish? _____
3. Do you intend to teach Spanish for at least three more years? _____
4. Are you willing to present a session at the Spring or Fall Conference? _____

Submit three (3) application packets and this form by March 1 to:

Dorothy Cox, Immediate Past President
Wm. B. Travis High School
11111 Harlem Road
Richmond, Texas 77406

Each application packet must contain this form and the following information:

1. One (1) letter of recommendation from a supervisor, department chair or coordinator
2. One (1) letter of recommendation from a current student
3. A personal essay of about 200 words which must include the following information:
 - Your goal / purpose for participating in the Cemanahuac Educational Community Scholarship Program
 - Expected benefits of this scholarship for you and your students
 - Contributions you have made to the foreign language profession e.g., membership in TFLA and other organizations, school involvement, club sponsorship, and others
 - 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
4. A recent photo, preferably 2" X 3", for the TFLA Journal

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Texas Foreign Language Association
Administrator of the Year Nomination Form**

Name of the Nominee: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____ Position: _____

Fax: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____ Position: _____

Fax: _____

Submit three (3) application packets by May 1 to:

Dorothy Cox, Immediate Past President

Wm. B. Travis High School

11111 Harlem Road, Richmond, Texas 77406

Each packet must contain the following information:

1. A copy of this Administrator of the Year Nomination Form
2. Nominator's letter of recommendation: Describe the nominee's contributions to foreign languages in **all** of the following areas:
 - a. Promotes the growth of the foreign language program(s)
 - b. Demonstrates commitment to improve conditions for foreign language teachers
 - c. Demonstrates commitment to improve foreign language program(s) to benefit students
 - d. Promotes foreign languages in the educational environment and/or community
 - e. Demonstrates empathy and offers solutions to concerns regarding large classes, stacked classes, and lack of resources
 - f. Promotes and models the advantages of knowing and using of other languages
 - g. Promotes and recognizes best practices in foreign languages classes.
3. Nominator must submit one-page **letters** of recommendation from any three (3) of the following five categories:
 - a. One letter from a current foreign language teacher
 - b. One letter from a current student in foreign languages
 - c. One letter from a current teacher in another discipline
 - d. One letter from a parent
 - e. One letter from another person in an administrative position.

Signature of Nominator: _____

Texas Foreign Language Association
First-Year Teacher Conference Scholarship Form
This scholarship is awarded for the TFLA Fall Conference.

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

School / Institution: _____

District: _____

Address: _____

Language(s) Taught: _____

Email: _____

Submit three (3) application packets and this form by September 4 to:

Dorothy Cox, TFLA Immediate Past President

Wm. B. Travis High School

11111 Harlem Road

Richmond, Texas 77406

Each application packet must contain the following information:

- 1) A copy of this First-Year Teacher Conference Scholarship Form
- 2) A recent photograph, preferably 2" X 3", for the TFLA Journal
- 3) A one-page narrative stating your teaching philosophy and the ways that the conference will benefit you, your students and colleagues
- 4) A one-page letter of recommendation from a current foreign language student, if applicable
- 5) A one-page letter of recommendation from a colleague
- 6) A one-page letter of recommendation from a department chair and / or coordinator, or school administrator.

Signature of Applicant Nominee: _____

Date: _____

Forms

Administrator of the Year Nomination

The TFLA Administrator of the Year Award is given to school administrators who have distinguished themselves by their support of the foreign language program in their schools. A committee will select the recipient of the award and the presentation will be made at the TFLA Fall Conference. Please consider superintendents and principals (K-12) and deans and presidents (college / university) who deserve our recognition.

Deadline to submit nomination: May 1

Updated: August 14, 2008

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Updated: Jan. 9, 2010

First-Year Teacher Conference Scholarship

TFLA would like to recognize the contributions that first year teachers make to the profession by awarding a scholarship to cover the cost of registration and lodging at the TFLA Fall conference. If you wish to be considered, please complete this form.

Deadline to submit form: September 4, 2010

Updated: Jan. 14, 2010

The Cemanahuac Educational Community Scholarship

TFLA is pleased to cooperate with the Cemanahuac Educational Community Scholarship Program. The scholarship program offers Spanish language classes and intensive study of the arts and history of Mexico in an atmosphere of total immersion of the language and culture in the city of eternal spring, Cuernavaca, Mexico. It is designed for K – 16 Spanish teachers and includes two weeks of study, a home-stay with a Mexican family, and one field-study excursion. Transportation expenses are not included. For more information, please visit the Cemanahuac Educational Community web site at www.cemanahuac.com.

Deadline to submit form: March 1

Updated: 12./19/2008

Teachers of the Year

Each year the Texas Foreign Language Association recognizes a **Teacher of the Year for the different languages, a college/university Teacher the Year, and an outstanding Young Teacher of the Year (with three years or less experience)**. The Teachers of the Year are presented at the Spring Conference. Factors considered in selecting the Teachers of the Year are: evidence of outstanding teaching, involvement in campus and language activities, professional contributions, curriculum development and / or publishing, and teaching experience. If you wish to nominate one of your TFLA colleagues for this honor, please complete the nomination form. Teachers of the Year are requested to offer a session or workshop and/or submit an article to the TFLA Journal.

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Deadline to submit form: March 1

Updated: August 14, 2008

T. Earle Hamilton Student Scholarship

In honor of T. Earle Hamilton, founder of the Texas Foreign Language Association, a scholarships ranging in amounts from \$250 to \$1,500 will be presented to outstanding high school seniors who have completed at least the third level of second language study and plan to continue the study of a second language at the college/university level. TFLA members may nominate **ONE** student each year. The TFLA Scholarship Committee will select scholarship winners based on academic language study and plans for continued language study.

Deadline: March 1

Updated: August 14, 2008