



ESCOLA TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANT – 2012 Guidelines

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Escola Teacher Incentive Grant
c/o Deborah McGee Mifflin, MFLA Awards Chair
9414 St. Andrews Way, Silver Spring, MD 20901-3722
mifflind@jhu.edu

GUIDELINES:

- I.** The purpose of this activity is for MFLA to provide financial support to teachers who have particular classroom-related materials or activities which they wish to develop or refine. Successful project proposals will have an impact on the profession, i.e., be accessible to other teachers and/or reproducible for other teachers and languages. Projects such as the following are acceptable: CDs / DVDs, slide/tape presentations, written instructional units, handbooks for students, internet/web activities, computer programs, and similar instructional resources.
- II.** An award may be distributed annually to a classroom teacher of foreign language. **The recipient must be a current member of MFLA and may teach at any instructional level.**
- III.** 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.
- IV.** Proposals are evaluated using the following criteria:
 - A.** Clear relationship to classroom instruction, benefits to students, benefits to other teachers (20 points)
 - B.** Novel or innovative approach to topic. This may include the use of technology. (20 points)
 - C.** Clear statement of project objectives, procedures and assessment (20 points)
 - D.** Appropriateness for use with students of all abilities (20 points)
 - E.** Communicative or proficiency orientation of project (20 points)
- V.** Proposal must include all information required on the application form in order to be evaluated by the Awards Committee who will determine the merits of each project.
- VI.** The Escola Teacher Incentive Grant will be in the amount of \$500, plus an additional amount up to \$500.00 to cover materials, supplies, other expenses. Receipts must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair. Recipients will not be eligible to receive the award more than once.
- VII.** The MFLA Board will receive the report of the Awards Committee once per year (Spring) and authorize payment of \$500.00 at that time. The remaining amount will be paid upon completion of the project. Awardee should submit the results and reimbursement request along with receipts no later than the Fall Conference to the Awards Chair.
- VIII.** The recipient must agree to share the results of the project/activity with other foreign language teachers via:
 - A.** A presentation at the MFLA Fall Conference and/or
 - B.** An article in the MFLA newsletter



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NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ SCHOOL FAX: _____

SCHOOL E-MAIL: _____

LANGUAGE(S) YOU TEACH: _____

_____ YES, I AM A CURRENT MEMBER OF MARYLAND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION
(MFLA)

Escola Teacher Incentive Grant

Date: _____

To be completed by the Awards Committee when evaluating application.

Name of Applicant: _____

Year/Title of Project: _____

- MFLA Member
- Completed Proposal submitted on time

Criteria:

Clear relationship to classroom instruction & benefits to students / other teachers	5	10	15	20
<i>Comments:</i>				

Novel or innovative approach to topic	5	10	15	20
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Total Score _____ / **100 points** **Final Disposition:** _____