AATSP- FLORIDA CHAPTER
Spanish and Portuguese
Student of the Year Award
(Elementary, Middle, High School and University)

YOU MUST BE AN AATSP MEMBER IN ORDER TO NOMINATE A STUDENT

DEADLINE: May 31, 2025. Send to faatspconferencechair@gmail.com

LATE / INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

.AWARD INFORMATION

AATSP-Florida Chapter is seeking applications from the best and brightest of ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Spanish or Portuguese scholars for its 2025 Scholar of the Year Award competition.

A maximum of one (1) each of the following awards will be given:

- **Elementary School Scholar:** a 5th grade student who excels in all areas and has shown outstanding achievement in Spanish or Portuguese. Winner receives a certificate.
- **Middle School Scholar:** an 8th grade student who excels in all areas and has shown outstanding achievement in Spanish or Portuguese. Winner receives a certificate.
- **High School Scholar:** a senior who excels in all areas and has shown outstanding achievement in Spanish or Portuguese Winner receives a certificate.
- **High School Ambassador:** a senior who excels in all areas and has studied at least 3 years of Spanish or Portuguese and two years of a third language. At least one of these languages must have been studied formally in a school in Florida. Winner receives a certificate.
- **College/University Scholar:** a college or university student who excels in all areas and has shown outstanding achievement in Spanish or Portuguese. **Nominee must be either majoring (33 credit hours) or minoring (18 credit hours) in Spanish or Portuguese (major 30 credits, minor 15 credits).** Winner receives a certificate and cash award. (Major and minor credit hour requirement based on UF requrirements)

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their FINAL year of college, high school, middle school or elementary school.
- Students must have studied Spanish or Portuguese in Florida.
- ***Teachers who wish to nominate students must be AATSP members in good standing.***

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please submit **complete** application to: faatspawards@gmail.com **by May 31, 2025. Nominating teacher will be notified by JUNE 15, 2025.**

Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

- A biography, **IN WHICH THE STUDENT** highlights their success in Spanish or Portuguese. This biography must be in Spanish or Portuguese. Judges will take the level of the student into account when scoring these biographies. **Word requirements: 250 word max for HS or college/university, 150 words max for MS, 100 words for elementary.**

- Verification of "scholar" status. Most recent **transcript** from school official noting grades in language classes and overall average or GPA. This is for **ALL** nominees.

- A letter of recommendation **from** the nominating Spanish or Portuguese teacher**.**

In addition:

- **High school/College/University**: A 250-word essay by the nominee, in Spanish or Portuguese on the topic: "What Studying a Foreign Language Means to Me" and a 3 minute audio clip in which the student discusses a world issue that has special meaning for them. They should explain which this issue is important to them.

- **Middle School**: A 150-word essay by the nominee in Spanish or Portuguese on the topic: "What Studying a Foreign Language Means to Me" and a 2 minute audio clip in which the student talks about themselves, including family members, likes, and hobbies.

- **Elementary School**: 3 samples of student written ***and*** oral work in Spanish or Portuguese. A 1 minute audio clip must accompany application in which the student talks about themselves including family members and friends.

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
EMAIL	
PHONE	
GRADE LEVEL	
SCHOOL / DISTRICT OR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	
CHECKLIST	_____ COMPLETED APPLICATION _____ BIOGRAPHY ATTACHED _____ TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED _____ LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION ATTACHED _____ ESSAY (OR WORK SAMPLES) AND AUDIO CLIPS ATTACHED _____ DIGITAL PHOTO ATTACHED
NOMINATING TEACHER INFORMATION	
NAME	
LANGUAGE(S) TAUGHT	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL ADDRESS	
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER (WITH AREA CODE)	
EMAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINATING TEACHER	
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE NOMINEE?	