

USAL/AATSP Chapter Leader Award, 2026

Award Overview

This prestigious scholarship honors an AATSP Chapter Leader who exemplifies exceptional leadership within their chapter, demonstrates a strong commitment to the mission of the AATSP and the Chapter's purpose, and actively supports national programs such as AATSP Exams, SHH, SHA, and the Poster Contest.

We encourage each chapter to nominate active chapter members, particularly those with a record of achievements in the criteria described in the rubric (see below). Multiple nominations from the same chapter as well as self-nominations are also welcomed.

Selected participants will engage in specialized training for Spanish educators and collaborate with teachers from around the globe. The program also includes content on leadership, innovation, project management, and transformational dialogue.

Each year, a scholarship will be reserved for a leader nominated by the Chapter of the Year from the prior year (in this case, 2025).

Scholarship Benefits

The award includes the following:

- **Accommodation:** Seven days and six nights in a private single room with an en-suite bathroom.
- **Full Board:** Three daily meals provided.
- **Medical Insurance:** Coverage for the duration of the program.
- **Professional Development:**
 - 20 hours of teacher training in Spanish education.
 - 4 motivational hours focused on strengthening leadership skills.
- **Cultural Activities:** Afternoon leisure programs.
- **Certification:** An official certificate from the University of Salamanca.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Feb. 20, 2026
- **Award Announcement:** March 5, 2026

Responsibilities of Award Winners

Award recipients will commit to participating in at least two post-program activities:

1. A webinar or training session for their local chapter.
2. A written account/reflection of the experience at the Universidad de Salamanca sent to the National Office at aatspoffice@aatsp.org for its potential publication.

Application Requirements & Eligibility

Applicants must submit the following items as a single compiled document:

1. **Cover Letter:** Introduce yourself and explain why you should be considered for this award (maximum 500 words).
 - *You must have had current AATSP membership for minimally two consecutive years (including the year of application).*
2. **Current CV or resume**
3. **Letters of Support:** Up to three letters from colleagues, supervisors, current or former students, or administrators.
4. **Additional Narrative/Supporting Documents:** Provide supplementary materials such as photos, artifacts, articles, etc. (maximum 10 pages or 4,500 words).
 - Examples of activities serving your chapter: SHH sponsorship & programming, cultural days/activities, Hispanic Heritage Week, participation in social media, giving the National Spanish Exam or other AATSP Exams, helping students enter Poster Contests from AATSP, involvement in chapter meetings and activities, tutoring/mentoring other Spanish/Portuguese teachers, participation in NTSW (National Teach Spanish Week) and NTPW (National Teach Portuguese Week), organizing local PD events, nominating chapter members for AATSP Awards, among others. (More ideas on pages 6 & 7 of [AATSP Chapter Guidelines.](#))

Email complete application to: awards@aatsp.org

This is a unique opportunity to grow professionally, enhance leadership skills, and connect with educators worldwide. We look forward to receiving your application!

Rubric

Category	0 points No evidence	1 point Some evidence of 2-4 indicators	2 points Adequate evidence of 3-4 indicators	3 points Strong evidence of all indicators
Partnerships and collaborations: The chapter leader has a proven track record of generating new opportunities for students and the *AATSP programs through collaborative work with chapter members and other stakeholders.				
Responsiveness: The chapter leader contributes to updating and adapting the chapter's activities to attract interest, meet the needs of students and teachers, and remain relevant in the field.				
Student Achievement and Recognition: The chapter leader has a proven track record of working to recognize student accomplishments and support their overall academic success, through strategic use of the AATSP programs.				
Chapter Impact: The chapter leader offers innovative and actionable ideas for promoting our organization and the AATSP programs at the local/state level.				

*Such as AATSP Exams, SHH, SHA, Poster Contest, Photography Contest, Virtual Program Fair, among others.