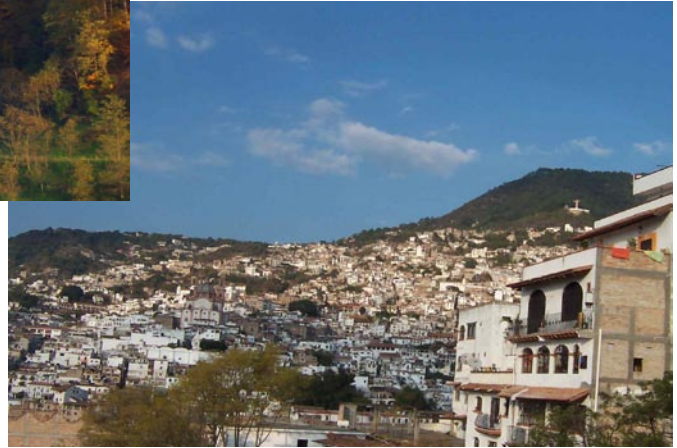


**The world beyond our mountains...**



**...is waiting  
for you!**

**Interested in studying abroad, but looking  
for funding?**

**The West Virginia Foreign Language  
Teachers Association (WVFLTA)  
is sponsoring a Scholarship Contest.**

**Awards:**  
**SIX scholarships of \$1500 each**  
for students enrolled in WV public institutions of  
higher education

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# Contest Guidelines

## Contest Eligibility:

- 1) Applicants must be enrolled at a public institution of higher education in West Virginia.
- 2) First preference will be given to students in teacher preparation in world languages.
- 3) Second preference will be given to students preparing to become a teacher who may or may not teach world languages.
- 4) Third preference will be given to students enrolled in an international studies or world languages program as a liberal arts major.
- 5) Other students with a strong interest in studying abroad are also encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those who have not had opportunity for International Study in their current field.
- 6) Minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

## Entry Requirements:

- 1) Entries must take the form of a title page, an essay (maximum 500 words), and two (2) letters of recommendation. Entries should be easily adaptable to webpage as well as print media, and should not exceed one (1) page.
- 2) The title page must contain: writer's name, current public institution of higher education and program of study, current address, phone number, and e-mail address.
- 3) **Topic:** The topic of these essays is twofold:
  - a) Why do you want to study abroad? How will you benefit? How will it help you in your future career plans?
  - b) How you will bring your experience back home?. For example, how will you share your experiences? Preference will be given to those who can clearly identify ways that they can bring the world back to West Virginia, help other teachers, and encourage other students to pursue international study, and an estimated timeline for completing these projects.

Such items can include: preparing teaching materials for use in WV classrooms on cultural or other topics, giving a presentation (how will yours stand out?), creating a webpage that talks about the experiences, keeping a journal or blog that can be published online after the trip, or another activity. Be creative – but these activities **MUST** be completed in a timely manner upon your return to West Virginia, so they should be realistic.

- 4) Entries should be submitted electronically by e-mail attachment to Christina Huhn [huhn@marshall.edu](mailto:huhn@marshall.edu) or Brad Martin [bradmartin9@msn.com](mailto:bradmartin9@msn.com).
- 5) The deadline for submission of entries is March 15, 2009. The award must be used by the end of the 2009-2010 academic year.
- 6) By submitting an entry for consideration, entrant certifies that the application is his/her own work and that all sources have been given proper credit. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- 7) Winners of the scholarships will be published on the WVFLTA Website after April 30, 2009.