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## **2008 Scholarships**

The Spanish Association of the Midwest is offering scholarships of up to \$2000 each to outstanding students who, having already been accepted by a Spanish university or an American university or college study-abroad program, are going to study Spanish language, literature, linguistics, history or other disciplines in the humanities at an accredited university or study program in Spain during the school year 2008-2009.

### **Eligibility**

Candidates must be in good academic standing, be currently enrolled at an accredited Midwestern university or college, and demonstrate superior achievement in Spanish studies. Eligibility is limited to applicants from academic institutions in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Spanish Association of the Midwest currently does not support summer study abroad programs, and gives preference to whole year rather than semester programs.

### **Application procedures**

All applicants must submit, in a single packet, the following materials:

- *Applicant General Information* form, included in this mailing, clearly filled out in its entirety.
- A copy of the student's latest course transcript as well as evidence of current academic enrollment.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members attesting to the student's competence in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing Spanish.
- A typed statement of purpose describing the student's recent experience in the field and how the scholarship would enhance his/her plans for further studies or research in Spain. Plans of study must be stated clearly and concisely. Minimum length: 2 pages, typed, double-spaced.
- An official letter of acceptance either by a Spanish university or an American university or college study-abroad program in Spain.
- A stamped, self-addressed envelop.

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**Application deadline:**  
all correspondence must be postmarked no later than  
**April 26th, 2008**

Applications missing any of the required materials will NOT be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship recipients will be contacted personally and their names posted on the Association's website.

Send all items, in one packet, to:

Luis Montero  
(Spanish Association of the Midwest)  
1670 Verde Ct.  
MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

**For further information:**

Visit the Association's webpage: [www.spanishassociation.org](http://www.spanishassociation.org)

E-mail: [scholarships@spanishassociation.org](mailto:scholarships@spanishassociation.org)

***ALL application materials available for download  
at the Spanish Association of the Midwest's website  
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The **Spanish Association of the Midwest** was founded in Chicago, Illinois, in May, 1976, by a group of Spaniards residing in the region.

The activities of the Association are primarily cultural. Each year it offers scholarships to college-level students to study the Spanish language, literature and culture in Spain.

In addition to cultural programs, the Association organizes social events throughout the year in order to bring Spaniards and friends of Spain together. An important event is the “Día de La Hispanidad,” held as close as possible to October 12, to commemorate the importance of Spain in the historic Encounter of the Old World with the New World.

The purpose of the Association focuses on five major objectives:

- To provide support to the Spanish community, and their friends, in the Midwest.
- Facilitate the expansion of Spanish culture through scholarships, cultural events and social activities.
- Encourage all Spaniards to maintain their cultural characteristics, for purposes of both personal enrichment and that of the communities in which they live.
- Establish communication with other community organizations to promote Spanish culture.
- Encourage and actively support full participation of all members in the activities of the Association.

The Association values the notable contributions of its members, welcomes all newcomers who share its goals, and believe all can make a difference in building a better, more diverse and informed international community in the Midwest.

***For further information, visit the Association’s webpage:***  
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**APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name \_\_\_\_\_

**Address**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

(Street 2) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Currently a student enrolled at**

Name of college or university \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Address 2) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Already admitted at**

Name of Spanish institution

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**OR**

Name of American university or college study-abroad program

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number OR website \_\_\_\_\_

Main area of study while in Spain:

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**Planning to study in Spain for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ One semester (please, circle)      Fall      Spring

\_\_\_\_\_ One school year



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**Scholarship Checklist - 2008**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence of current academic enrollment.
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La **Asociación Española del Medio Oeste** nació en Chicago en mayo de 1976 y fue fundada por un grupo de españoles residentes en la zona metropolitana de Chicago y sus alrededores.

Las actividades de la Asociación son primordialmente culturales ya que uno de sus primeros objetivos es dar a conocer y divulgar la cultura española en esta parte de los Estados Unidos. La Asociación anuncia anualmente una convocatoria de becas de ayuda a jóvenes estadounidenses que hayan sido aceptados por una Universidad española para cursar estudios de lengua, literatura y cultura.

Además de las actividades culturales, la Asociación organiza actividades sociales. La celebración del “Día de la Hispanidad” en una fecha próxima al 12 de octubre conmemora y pone de relieve el papel de España en la empresa del encuentro entre el Viejo y el Nuevo Mundo.

El fin de la Asociación se basa en los siguientes objetivos:

- Ofrecer apoyo a la colonia española del Medio Oeste de los Estados Unidos y a sus amigos.
- Facilitar la expansión de la cultura española por medio de becas, conciertos y actividades socio-culturales.
- Animar y apoyar a todos los españoles de la zona para que mantengan las características sociales y culturales propias de España como un instrumento tanto de enriquecimiento personal como de divulgación de lo español.
- Establecer comunicación con otras organizaciones culturales afines con el propósito de promocionar la cultura española.
- Animar y apoyar a todos los socios a que participen activamente en proyectar y llevar a cabo las actividades y fines de la Asociación.

La Asociación reconoce las valiosas aportaciones de sus socios, ofrece la bienvenida a nuevos miembros para que compartan su misión, y cree que todos podemos participar en la creación de una comunidad internacional en esta parte del mundo que refleje verdaderamente su diversidad y esté mejor informada.

***Para más información, visite la página web de la Asociación:***  
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