



2025 NJAATSP

Xperitas Language Matters Award

presented by Xperitas in collaboration with NJAATSP

DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 4, 2025

The NJAATSP Chapter is pleased to announce the **Xperitas Language Matters Award**, sponsored by Xperitas in collaboration with our chapter. We invite teachers to send their nominations to: aatsp.nj@gmail.com

The winner will receive a personalized engraved recognition

and a classroom grant of \$250!

The NJAATSP - Xperitas Language Matters Award will be given to a New Jersey Spanish/Portuguese Teacher (K-16) who is a current member of AATSP and provides exemplary motivation and creative methods, authentic language immersion and/or real-life experiences inside/outside the classroom for students to apply the target language.

Your **Project Proposal** should be intended to help your learners use their language skills to improve both language and cultural awareness, develop relationships, and promote diversity within your school or community. Thinking about bringing speakers or resources into the classroom and school community? Or maybe connecting with organizations, authors, artists, and events related to your language of study? NOT intended to defray the cost of personal PD or study/travel abroad.

APPLICATION FORM

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First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

School Email: _____

Alternate Email: _____

AATSP membership number: _____ (found under “My Profile, Membership info” when you log in to your AATSP account)

Number of years of teaching: _____

Level/s taught: Elementary ___ Middle ___ High ___ College ___ University ___

Name of school/institution you teach at: _____

Principal’s name and contact information: _____

Attach: (4 documents)

1. Completed application form
2. Current CV (Curriculum Vitae/Resume)
3. Nomination or Self-Nomination Letter (in English): Why does the candidate deserve this award? (200 words max.)
4. Personal Statement/**Project Description** (in Spanish or Portuguese) (400 words max.)

E-mail all materials to: aatsp.nj@gmail.com

Subject Line: (Name of Applicant) Xperitas Language Matters Award-NJAATSP Chapter

Application Deadline: April 1, 2025

Winner will be notified in May 2025 and the award will be given at our NJAATSP Gala Primavera on May 3, 2025.

Post-award report: If you are selected, we may ask you to submit a post-grant report within one year of receiving the award. (with the option of presenting at one of the NJAATSP workshops in 2025) This should include at least a minimum of 2 brief paragraphs and 2-4 photos recapping the project status.

Project Description:

Give a summary of your project and what it will achieve. Be specific. Be thorough. Be compelling.

Please include:

- What is the Project about? (theme, timeline, resources/products needed, budget, etc.)
- What is the need/goal being met by this project?
- How will this help you be a more effective educator who can best serve your learners within the world language department?
- What is your school context? (demographics, resources)
- Creativity, originality, and connection to teaching World Languages will all be considered.

Your application responses should provide enough information for the Grant Review Board to understand the purpose of your application and who will benefit from the award. (400 words max.)

Evaluation Rubric:

Criteria	Point Scale	Subtotal
The project is connected to World Language teaching and to the languages AATSP endorses.	0-2	
The narrative strongly addresses a need that this project will satisfy, the impact on the educators and students in the school, and how this grant will impact teaching and learning	0-5	
Creativity or originality of the project	0-3	
The budget is clear and outlines how the money / resources will be allocated.	0-2	
The project includes demographic information to help the committee understand the context of the school and the needs of / opportunities for the students.	0-3	

Total _____/15 points