

SCHOLARSHIP – DR. LUIS F. CLAY-MENDEZ SCHOLARSHIP

The **Department of Foreign Languages** generally awards the Dr. Luis F. Clay-Mendéz Scholarship on an annual basis to a deserving student in Spanish.

The following basic criteria will be applied to applications. Applicants must have:

- * declared a major in Spanish with Teacher's Certification
- * completed 75 hours of course work
- * cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better overall
- * cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better in the major
- * provide a written statement of why he/she is deserving of the award, how he/she exemplifies the qualities and attributes of Dr. Luis F. Clay-Mendéz such as positive attitude, outgoing spirit and willingness to go beyond average expectations

All criteria will be interpreted according to the discretion of the Department's Scholarship Committee. In judging a scholarship candidate, the Committee will consider a student's potential for making a contribution in the area of Foreign Languages as well as evidence of academic achievement, responsible character, sense of purpose, growth, and participation in departmental activities. Significant contribution to foreign languages or the department may be a deciding factor, if all other criteria are judged equal.

Students wishing to apply should request a Scholarship Application Form in Coleman 1159 or contact:

Stephen A. Canfield, Chair
Department of Foreign Languages
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920

Completed applications are due in the main office (1159 Coleman) **no later than 3:30pm March 25th, 2009.**

Scholarships will be awarded in varying amounts depending on the number of scholarships awarded and funds available for distribution. Generally, the awards will be no less than \$250 and no more than \$1,000 in any one year.

Students may apply at the end of their sophomore **and/or** junior years.

Unless special arrangements are made in advance, awards will not be distributed until after the second week of the Fall semester following a candidate's selection. Students who do not return to EIU or enroll in an approved study abroad program in the Fall will forfeit the award.

Scholarship winners are expected to perform some service for the department during the academic year following receipt of the award. This service may take the form of unpaid tutoring, helping with the language clubs, honor societies, fund-raising, or some other appropriate service in or for the department. Those who do not fulfill this requirement will be ineligible for further departmental aid.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM – DR. LUIS F. CLAY-MENDEZ SCHOLARSHIP

**Department of Foreign Languages
1159 Coleman Hall**

**Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, Illinois**

Please fill out the following as accurately as possible. Check with your advisor if you are unsure about some items.

- 1. Name _____ E# _____**
- 2. Local address & Phone number _____

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- 3. Majors (s) _____**
- 4. Degree (B.A.; B.A. with Teacher Certification; B.S. etc.)
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- 5. Minor(s) _____**
- 6. Faculty Advisor (in FLG Dept.) _____**
- 7. Cumulative grade point average at Eastern _____**
- 8. Cumulative grade point average in major (include only those grades from your language of concentration)
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- 9. Upper-division courses (beyond 2202) taken:

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- 10 Total hours toward graduation (not counting courses you are now taking) _____**
- 11. List the foreign language related activities that you have been active in at Eastern.

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- 12. On the back of this form, provide a written statement of why you are deserving of this award including how you exemplify the following qualities and attributes:
 - a. positive attitude**
 - b. outgoing spirit**
 - c. willingness to go beyond the average expectations****