

SANS, Inc./Mead Leadership Fellows Program

What is it?

The SANS Mead Leadership Fellows Program supports individuals in the development of a project that contributes to the foreign language teaching profession and advances quality language instruction. The Mead program was created to develop future leaders for the profession at the state, regional, and national levels.

Who may apply?

Foreign language teachers who have demonstrated leadership potential in their institutions and/or professional organizations at the local, state, or regional or national level may apply.

Application Procedure

1. Application forms will be available on the NECTFL website, in the NECTFL Conference Preview, and in state organization newsletters.
2. Applicants may be nominated by their schools, colleges, or universities; or by local, state, regional or national foreign language organizations.
3. Completed applications will be sent to the nominee's state association. Each state association will pick one application per year to submit to NECTFL.

What should the application include?

- A completed application checklist, available at www.nectfl.org.
- A letter of nomination from nominating body (schools, professional org., etc.)
- A letter of support from state organization
- A current resume or c.v. of no more than two pages
- A signed Commitment Form expressing the nominee's willingness to complete their proposed project and present findings at their state conference and NECTFL Conference the calendar year following acceptance of their project.
- A written narrative by the nominee describing their project, containing the following:
 - Project Rationale: How will this project contribute to the field and advance quality language instruction? Why should NECTFL support this project?
 - Project Description: What is your project? What goals and objectives do you hope to accomplish? How will you use technology to disseminate your project?
 - Action Plan: What steps will you take to implement the project? What is your timeline? Please keep in mind that you need to present at the following year's state and NECTFL conferences.
 - Leadership Statement: How will your project provide leadership at the local, state, regional, and national level?

Recognition

Mead Leadership Fellows will participate in the 2011 Northeast Conference in a program designed by NECTFL to foster leadership for the profession. SANS sponsorship will provide:

- Registration for the NECTFL conference
- Lodging at the conference
- Participation in a leadership orientation program and one conference workshop

- An invitation to the Chair's Reception
- Follow-up mentoring by NECTFL Board Members and/or a designated mentor for your project

Criteria for Selection

The rubric that will be used to evaluate each application is available at www.nectfl.org. It is suggested that applicants review this rubric before submitting their application.

Deadlines

- The state associations must receive applications by December 1, 2010.
- NECTFL must receive the completed application from the state organization by January 7, 2011.
- The NECTFL Professional Development Committee will select the Fellows at the January Board meeting and will convey its decisions to the state associations and the nominee by February 1, 2011.