The Department of Modern Languages offers an annual scholarship, the Elizabeth Topper Nash Endowed Scholarship, to the most qualified student majoring in French, German, or Spanish. The scholarship is not a need-based scholarship and may be applied to tuition and fees at Texas State University or to a study abroad program sponsored by Texas State University. Recipients of the scholarship are not excluded from applying in following years.

The department’s scholarship committee has established the following policies and procedures.

I. Selection Criteria

Eligibility Requirements
1. declared major in French, German, or Spanish;
2. at least 30 hours earned at Texas State at the time of application, including the current semester;
3. completion of or enrollment in an upper division course in French, German, or Spanish; and
4. at least a 3.00 overall GPA on Texas State hours and at least a 3.50 GPA in the major.

Other evidence may include department, university, or community activities related to the student’s major.

II. Application Procedures

Applicants submit
1. a cover letter and a 500 word essay describing the role their foreign language major has played or will play in their academic career.

Applicants must include a statement whether they are related by blood or marriage to any member of the Texas State System Board of Regents (see list at http://www.tsus.edu/regents/index.html). A student who is related to a current member of the Board of Regents is prohibited from receiving scholarships unless the scholarship is awarded exclusively on academic merit or is an athletic scholarship. It is a Class B misdemeanor to file a false statement.

2. a résumé,
3. an unofficial current Texas State transcript, and
4. two letters of recommendation from faculty familiar with their academic work.

The top two or three candidates may have an 15-30 minute interview with the Department’s Scholarship Committee.

The application package is to be submitted to the Department of Modern Languages, 214 Centennial Hall, Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666. Competition officially opens in mid January, and the deadline for submission of the application is mid February (specific dates to be announced each year).