

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 2012 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, 2011.
- NECTFL must receive the completed application from the state organization by January 7, 2012.
- 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, 2012.

Application Cover Page

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Candidate Information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Nominated by:

State _____

Regional Officer/Designee _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home or Cell _____

Email _____

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Application Checklist

In addition to the above cover page, please be sure that all components are included:

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Commitment Form

If selected as a Mead Fellow, I, _____, will commit to complete my proposed project and present the findings at my state conference and the NECTFL Conference the calendar year following acceptance of the project.

Applicant Signature

Date

Rubric for SANS, Inc/MEAD Fellows' Applications

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Project Rationale: How will this project contribute to the field and advance quality language instruction? How will you use technology to make the project globally accessible?	Project meets an identified need and makes a significant and unique contribution to field. Project represents potentially innovative contribution to language instruction. The project incorporates the most updated use of technology available in an effort to make it globally accessible.	Project meets an identified need of the profession. Project provides a unique contribution. Project clearly aligns with current thoughts on best practices and standards-based instruction. The project incorporates the use of technology available in an effort to make it globally accessible.	Project concept has already been discussed extensively within the profession; and/or the project is not aligned with current best practices and/or standards-based instruction.
Project Rationale: Why should NECTFL support this project?	NECTFL support is critical to the completion of this project.	NECTFL support is necessary for completion of the project.	Project could be accomplished without the support of NECTFL.
Project Description: What is your project? What are goals and objectives do you hope to accomplish?	Goals and objectives are highly detailed and reflect exemplary research into the requirements of the project.	Goals and objectives are attainable and clearly defined.	Goals and objectives are not attainable and/or not clearly defined.
Action Plan: How will the project be implemented? What is your timeline? Please keep in mind that you need to present at the following year's state and NECTFL conferences	Implementation plan is highly detailed and well-defined. Plan demonstrates extensive knowledge of activities needed to complete the project.	Implementation plan and timeline are realistic and include reasonable steps toward completion of the proposed project, as well as presentation at the state and NECTFL Conference.	Implementation plan and timeline are unrealistic and/or incomplete. Realistic goals for presenting at the state and NECTFL Conference are not included.
Leadership Statement: How will your project be disseminated and develop your leadership role at the local, state, regional, and national level?	There is a clear plan for sharing the project beyond the state level. The project requires the development of significant leadership skills and/or roles.	There is a clear plan for sharing the project with the profession beyond the local level. The project requires the development of leadership skills and/or roles.	The plan only describes implementation at the local level. The project requires the development of minor or few leadership skills and/or roles.