



Conference Attendance Grants

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Attendance Grant is to allow experienced teachers in world languages to continue attending the professional development offered by the Michigan World Language Association at a time when their district may not provide adequate financial support.

Please Type or Print Clearly

2. Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ County _____ Zip _____

Preferred Telephone [Include Area Code] _____

Work Telephone [Include Area Code] _____

Preferred E-mail (required) _____

School and School District _____

Number of years teaching _____ (Note: this grant is intended for teachers with at least five years of experience)

When was the last time you attended the MIWLA annual conference? _____

3. Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation is required from an administrator, addressing the reasons for needing this grant. It should be enclosed in a **sealed signed envelope** with the rest of the application material or sent via email to Anne Violin-Wigent at violinwi@msu.edu.

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

4. Language

Your language certification: _____

Major Areas (Circle): Arabic Chinese French German Hebrew

Italian Japanese Portuguese Spanish Russian

Other [please specify] _____



5. Application letter

Please submit a typed, original application letter [500 words maximum] describing the following:

- Your need for this grant
- Your previous experience as a MIWLA conference attendee and/or presenter
- Your expectation for this year's conference in terms of your professional development
- Your interest in future participation in MIWLA activities, including, but not limited to, presenting a session or a workshop, writing an article for the MIWLA Messenger, volunteering for the organization and/or conference, etc.

6. Amount of Grant

MIWLA is offering up to five [5] returning teacher grants for the 2010-2011 school year. The grant will be awarded as a waiver of the following expenses: conference registration (at the early-bird rate **ONLY**), MIWLA membership, Target Language Luncheon (on Thursday) OR Awards Luncheon (on Friday) for the 2010 conference. Grant recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Friday October 22, 2010, and are, therefore, strongly encouraged to attend if possible. Once you have been awarded the grant, a code will be sent to you so that you can register for MIWLA at no cost to you **BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2010**.

7. Application Submission

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Before this application is considered, the applicant must provide the following documents:

- Application form
- Application letter
- One [1] letter of recommendation (or sent via email)

All materials must be postmarked by **September 17, 2010**

8. Send completed application to:

Anne Violin-Wigent, MIWLA President Elect
3054 Willoughby Road
Mason, MI 48854

Questions? E-mail Anne at violinwi@msu.edu

I hereby authorize the Michigan World Language Association Conference Attendance Grant Committee to inquire about and to verify any information contained on this application form. The MIWLA shall not be liable for any damages which may result from such inquiry or verification. As part of this authorization, the individuals listed herein are authorized to release to the MIWLA information as to my character, ability and performance. I understand that making any misleading or untruthful statement on this application may result in my disqualification and/or the obligation to repay any mini-grant monies received if any problem is discovered after the award.

Signature of the Applicant

Date