

What is it?

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

Who may apply?

Foreign language educators who have demonstrated leadership potential in their institutions and/or professional organizations at the local, state, or regional or national level may apply. They must teach in one of the thirteen NECTFL states or the District of Columbia (CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV).

What funding is included?

Mead Fellows accepted to participate in 2016 will be funded as follows:

- Conference registration fees waived in 2016 (year of acceptance) and 2017 (presentation of project results). This support is with thanks to SANS, Inc.
- Up to \$575 reimbursed for travel and/or hotel
 - Travel by car reimbursed at the NECTFL rate of 40 cents per mile.
 - One hotel night, reimbursable only if at the conference hotel (NYC Hilton Midtown).
- State associations are encouraged to provide a stipend as well to help off-set expenses (MFLA will provide a stipend of \$500 for the first year and up to \$500 for the second year).

Application Procedure

1. Send the completed application to the state association. Each state association will select one application per year to submit to NECTFL.
2. The NECTFL Mead Committee will select a maximum of three 2016 Fellows from among the applications submitted by the state associations.

Deadlines

- The state associations must receive applications by **Monday, November 16, 2015**.
- NECTFL must receive the completed application from the state organization by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**.
- The NECTFL Professional Development Committee will meet virtually, select the Fellows, and will convey its decisions to the state associations and the nominees by **December 11, 2015**.

Recognition

NECTFL Mead Leadership Fellows will be paired with a mentor whose expertise in is the area of the project and will take part in an expert think tank at the 2016 Conference to hone their project and receive guidance from mentors and former MEAD fellows. Fellows will be recognized at the NECTFL Awards Ceremony. Follow-up mentoring by NECTFL Board Members and/or the mentor will be provided. Projects may be publicized on the NECTFL website, on social media, and/or in an upcoming issue of the NECTFL Review. Finally, Fellows will be given a session during which they will present their project at the 2017 conference.

Criteria for Selection

The rubric that will be used to evaluate each application is included in this packet. It is suggested that applicants review this rubric before submitting their application.



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APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Candidate Information:

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Telephone:	E-Mail:
School/Institution Affiliation:	

Nominated by:

State Association:	
Regional Officer/Designee:	
Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Telephone:	E-Mail:

Send the Application package to Maryland Foreign Language Association (MFLA) at:

Debby Doyle
4725 Bounty Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
ddoyle@gerstell.org

Electronic submissions accepted.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please be sure that all components are included:

1. _____ A cover page.
2. _____ A narrative by the written by the nominee describing his/her 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 conferences.
 - **Leadership Statement:** How will your project provide leadership at the local, state, regional, and/or national level?
3. _____ A letter of nomination from the nominating body (school, professional organization, etc.)
4. _____ A letter of support from the state organization (if not the nominating body)
5. _____ A current résumé or C.V. of no more than two pages
6. _____ A signed Commitment Form (included in this packet) expressing the nominee's willingness to complete his/her proposed project and present findings at his/her state conference the calendar year following acceptance of their project. (Nominees may also be asked to present at a NECTFL professional development event such as a webinar, workshop, or conference).

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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, possibly at other NECTFL professional development events during the calendar year following acceptance of the project, and at the 2017 NECTFL Conference.

Applicant Signature

Date