

# High School Student of the Year

## Nomination Guidelines:

### The student must:

- be currently enrolled in Spanish or Portuguese
- be in the second year or beyond in his/her studies
- have placed in statewide, regional or national contests, or have been nominated for the Governor's Honors Program
- exhibit strong commitment to foreign languages beyond the normal realm of study (tutoring, special projects, etc.)
- be nominated by a teacher through a narrative.

**The nominating teacher must be an AATSP member in good standing for the current year.**

### The nomination packet consists of four (4) parts:

#### 1. Nomination cover page with the following information:

Student name, home address, and e-mail address;

School name, address, telephone;

Name and title of school administrator;

Nominating teacher's name, telephone and email contact information;

Student's current course level of Spanish/Portuguese, native/non-native status, as well as description of any outside language experience;

Student's current year in school, GPA in Spanish/Portuguese, and overall GPA; Experience in Spanish/Portuguese (chronological list of courses, travel, work, tutoring, etc.);

Special school activities and awards (including test scores).

The nominating teacher must sign this cover page and include 6-digit AATSP ID No.

#### 2. Current official transcript.

#### 3. A minimum of two (2) letters of endorsement.

One letter must be from the student's Spanish/Portuguese teacher (a narrative endorsement) in which specific reasons for the nomination are cited; the other letter(s) may be from another teacher, a principal, a guidance counselor, or another professional who is familiar with the student.

#### 4. Publicity information:

Please include names and addresses of local administration, newspaper contact(s), and date of school's honors night. The winner is to send a digital photo image for posting on the Chapter website.

Please include the following statement, signed and dated by the student and parent or guardian: "The Georgia Chapter of AATSP is granted permission to include [SOTY nominee's name and school affiliation] in press releases, in the organization's publications, and on the AATSP website."

**Send three (3) copies of the completed nomination packet by postmark deadline February 2 to:**

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or submit (1) completed, assembled nomination packet online via email to [pswanson@gsu.edu](mailto:pswanson@gsu.edu)