

Raúl Fernández Travel-Study Award

The Georgia Chapter offers an award of \$500 to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses incurred during study abroad programs in Spanish or Portuguese-speaking countries. The award is given in loving memory of Raúl Fernández, a long time foreign language educator and advocate, and member of AATSP Georgia Chapter Executive Board, who was a vital force in creating the activities, awards, and opportunities that we offer our membership today. Following Raúl's passing in December 2008, this award, formerly given in memory of Julia Fernández, Raúl's mother, will now be offered annually in his memory.

To qualify as a recipient of our Travel-Study Award, one must be a Georgia educator returning to the classroom in the following school year to teach Spanish or Portuguese. Special consideration will be given to members who have been active in national AATSP and Chapter programs, which include the following:

- ♦AATSP organized programs and workshops for teachers. Winners of AATSP-administered awards who have significant out-of-pocket transportation expenses may also apply. For more information consult the national website at: www.aatsp.org.
- ♦Programs for teachers offered by the Embassy of Spain. For more information, see: www.sgci.mec.es/usa/becas/
- ♦ Study Abroad programs sponsored by Georgia colleges and universities. Members who have been accepted to participate in one of the programs described above are encouraged to apply for this award.

The complete application will consist of the following materials:

- A photocopy of the letter of acceptance from the sponsoring institution.
- ♦A statement of anticipated program-related expenses. Include tuition, room, board, airfare and other transportation expenses. (Do not include optional excursions, souvenirs, etc.)

Please indicate clearly how much is being paid by other sources (your school, any scholarships, staff development stipends, etc.) and how much will come out of your own pocket.

- A cover letter addressing the following points:

how participation in the program will benefit the teacher and the impact participation will have on the applicant's teaching, (If this information is included elsewhere in the application packet, just reference it here.); the applicant's participation in national and Georgia AATSP programs over the years (Include meeting attendance, presentations, sponsorship of SHH, student participation in NSE, composition contests, Immersion Camp, etc.); agreement to write a 250-word article about the program, to be published in *Al Día*.

The completed application packet should be mailed by April 1 to:
Dr. Jana Sandarg
Dept. of English and Foreign Languages
Augusta State University
2500 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30904-2200

Notification of winner and alternates will be the second week in May.

At the end of the program, the winning participant should send the article for *Al Día*, along with a photocopy of the end-of-course document. (For many programs, this is a certificate. For others it may be a report card.) The reimbursement check will be issued following receipt of these documents.