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Dear Bill:

I would like to confirm that we will be delighted to offer a Spanish teacher who is a member of West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association a scholarship for two weeks of study at the Cemanahuac Educational Community for 2018. This will be the 19th year of our scholarship program, and I continue to be very impressed with the caliber of teachers who have come to Cemanahuac on this scholarship assistance.

I will be working on a "scholarship newsletter" with comments from some of the recipients of 2017 scholarships, based on some comments from this year's recipients, and I'll send this as soon as I have all the comments compiled into the newsletter. I'll include more comments later on our web page; all have been gratifying to read.

The dollar value of this award in 2018 is \$1153.00, and includes registration, tuition for two weeks, and housing (double occupancy) with all meals. Other expenses, in addition to airfare, which the recipient would have to cover on his/her own, would be transfer to Cuernavaca (about \$16 US each way), a textbook (\$45), cultural field study trips, and personal expenses. Your recipient can come at any convenient time in 2018.

We will again be offering a special workshop for language teachers, dates in July to be determined, and these have been very well received. It is not necessary that your recipient come at the time of this workshop but he/she might really enjoy this interaction with other teachers from around the United States. The following is a comment from Tina Bills, the Ohio Foreign Language Association 2017 scholarship recipient:

I was delighted when I won the a scholarship through the Ohio Foreign Language Association to study at the Cemanahuac Educational Community of Cuernavaca, Mexico. Was further delighted to find out that there was a two-week program exclusively for educators. Although my expectations were high, my experience was even better than I imagined. I attended classes, stayed with a host family, and participated in organized trips both in Cuernavaca and to other towns. Perhaps best of all, I was able to meet passionate Spanish teachers from all over the United States. The teachers and staff were kind and helpful and the class sizes were small and adapted to my level and interests. They also were tireless in planning activities that were enriching to us as teachers, such as a field trip to an educational center in a rural town, a trip to a teacher supply store, opportunities for intercambios, and much more.

Another great thing about the Cemanahuac Educational Community is its location. Cuernavaca was surprisingly large, with a nice central plaza and historical sites. It is about an hour south of Mexico City. This allowed us to take a field trip into Mexico City and another field trip to see the fabulous pyramids of Teotihuacan. Because of this proximity, it was easy for me to extend my stay for a few days and explore Mexico City on my own. Mexico City is beautiful with many attractions. I am so glad that I decided to do this.

We ask that scholarships be awarded on the basis on a competitive application basis, since the award is worth a great deal of money and should have some prestige attached to it. We also hope you will select a teacher who has had less opportunity to travel before and who will make the very best use of this opportunity to share the knowledge gained in his or her classroom. While we offer information about the rich culture and history of Mexico, our emphasis at Cemanahuac is on improvement of Spanish language ability, and thus a native speaker or a teacher with excellent language fluency will gain less from the Cemanahuac experience than a non-fluent speaker.

We take our entire educational program very seriously, and we expect every student will do the same. We hope all of our students will feel a serious commitment to our full educational program, including the weekend field study excursions, and not leave for personal travel in the middle of the Cemanahuac two-week study period. If a teacher is not able to concentrate for two full weeks on what we offer at Cemanahuac, we ask that you select another candidate for the scholarship.

Our web page, www.cemanahuac.com, has continuing information about our educational opportunities for teachers at all levels, including how teachers can earn graduate level academic credit, regardless of their level of Spanish. I thank you for your help in making this program so worthwhile for teachers who are West Virginia Foreign Language Teachers Association members.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this scholarship or any aspect of study at Cemanahuac. Again, thanks for your help in “spreading the word” about this excellent scholarship for one of your teachers.

Sincerely,

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