

## Professional Member Scholarship Sample Application

As a Lifetime member of Phi Sigma Iota, I respectfully submit the attached professional scholarship proposal to support my efforts in creating a comprehensive mobile multilingual language curriculum for children aged one year through elementary school. My mission is to enhance children's neurological development and basic skills by providing a dynamic, innovative, kinesthetic and pedagogically appropriate curriculum that, across all languages (specifically French, Spanish and Mandarin), progresses with children as they progress from toddlers into elementary students. The purpose of my grant request is to support the expansion of my current preschool program to fill the void in elementary language enrichment.

The proposal seeks funding to build upon the cornerstone of my work: a multi-touch point and integrated curriculum that is developmentally appropriate and engaging to children in preschool. It is a structure and system into which multiple languages have been taught for the past five years. It is a program that adheres to industry standard accreditation requirement for foreign language instruction and incorporates the latest research.

The lack of elementary foreign language enrichment provides an opportunity for me to expand my curriculum to meet elementary requirements.

If I am awarded a PSI professional scholarship, I will use the award to hire and work with a foreign language education specialist. The consultant will assist me in reviewing my current preschool curriculum and adapt, expand, and lay the foundation for elementary school language enrichment.

I project the expenditures will be well in excess of \$12,000 for the creation of a comprehensive elementary foreign language curriculum and ask assistance from PSI to help me attract an expert curriculum consultant. The budget below outlines estimated costs which I created in consultation with Course Crafters and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). This proposal is the first submission for funding. I have not applied for grant assistance in the past. Financial assistance will enable me to continue developing a robust foreign language elementary curriculum that is cutting edge and exciting for students. This scholarship would provide the opportunity to increase the value and commitment children have toward early foreign language education and multilingualism.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

### Budget

\$ 1,500 Expert review of current curriculum documents and units and how they may be further developed. \$80/hr., 16 hours suggested;  
\$10,500 Program review and recommendations; consultant will assist in expanding the current offerings in an instructional design, sample units for testing.