Dora Johnson Awards 2020

Program Overview

Qatar Foundation International and the ACTFL Arabic SIG are pleased to announce the opening of the 2020 Dora Johnson Awards.

The 2020 Dora Johnson Awards will provide funding of up to $1,500 to a selective group of primary and secondary Arabic language educators to support their attendance at the 2020 ACTFL Convention in San Antonio, TX from November 20-22, 2020. The Awards are named in honor of the late Dora Johnson, a lifelong supporter of Arabic language education who worked to increase the presence of Arabic at ACTFL.

Program Update: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Dora Johnson Awards will be modified as necessary to accommodate the structure of the 2020 ACTFL convention. In the case of a virtual convention, the Dora Johnson Awards will provide funding to cover registration costs, substitute teacher fees, etc.
Funding

Grantees will be awarded up to $1,500 USD to support their attendance at the 2020 ACTFL Convention in San Antonio, TX from November 20-22, 2020. In the case of a virtual convention, grantees will receive funding to cover registration, substitute teacher fees, and other costs associated with attendance.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must currently be primary or secondary Arabic teachers and members of both ACTFL and the Arabic SIG (if not, applicants must be committed to joining both).

Preference will be given based on the following criteria, in descending order:
- First-time attendees
- First-time presenters (previous ACTFL attendees and/or Dora Johnson Award recipients are eligible)
- Previous ACTFL attendees, who have not previously received a Dora Johnson Award and who have not attended ACTFL within the past five years.

Please note that applicants who have attended ACTFL within the past five years, and are not presenting at the 2020 conference, are not eligible to apply for a Dora Johnson Award.

Grant Conditions

If selected, teachers who receive funding through the Dora Johnson Awards from QFI will be required to:
- Commit to becoming members of both ACTFL and the Arabic Special Interest Group (SIG).
- Commit to attending the 2020 ACTFL Convention in San Antonio, TX from November 20-22, 2020 or committing to attending all ACTFL Convention activities in the event of a virtual conference.
- Submit at least one classroom resource created as a result from ACTFL attendance.

Application Deadlines

Applications open: Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Application deadline: Saturday, August 1, 2020

How to Apply:

To apply for a Dora Johnson Award, you must register for an account on QFI’s Application Management Portal at qfi.smapply.org. Please create a user account and profile. Upon completing your login credentials and user profile, you will be prompted to take an Eligibility Quiz. You will then be able to access the grant application.
Contact Information:

Should you have any questions regarding the Dora Johnson Awards, please contact us at djawards@qfi.org