DORA JOHNSON AWARDS 2021

Qatar Foundation International (QFI) and the ACTFL Arabic SIG are pleased to announce the opening of the 2021 Dora Johnson Awards.

The Dora Johnson Awards are named in memory of a lifelong advocate who believed in both expanding access to K-12 Arabic education and in professionalizing the teaching of Arabic. Ms. Johnson advised and supported QFI beginning in 2009 as QFI was establishing a framework for supporting Arabic education in the United States. Her passion and commitment to supporting those who teach Arabic continues to make a difference for so many teachers and their students. In honor of Ms. Johnson, QFI offers the Dora Johnson Awards on an annual basis to help increase the number of primary and secondary school Arabic teachers who may attend the annual ACTFL Convention and to engage with their peers from the QFI network. The 2021 Dora Johnson Awards will provide funding to support primary and secondary Arabic language educators in attending the 2021 ACTFL Convention, to be held virtually, November 18 – 21, 2021.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must be Arabic Educators currently teaching at publicly funded primary or secondary schools and members of both ACTFL and the Arabic SIG, (if not, applicants must be committed to joining both). Preference will be given according to the following criteria, in descending order:

- First-time attendees,
- First-time presenters,
- Previous ACTFL Attendees and/or previous Dora Johnson Award Recipients.

FUNDING
Grantees will be awarded funding to cover all registration costs for the 2021 ACTFL Convention, which will be hosted as a virtual conference, November 18 – 21, 2021. Award funding will provide:

- Registration for the core convention sessions November 19 – 21, as well as Pre-Convention workshops on November 18
- Membership registration with ACTFL and the ACTFL Arabic Special Interest Group (SIG)
- Reimbursement to school for substitute teacher coverage during the dates of the convention.
GRANT CONDITIONS
Teachers selected to 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 virtual ACTFL Convention November 18-21, 2021,
- Submit at least one classroom resource created as a result from ACTFL attendance.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
- Applications open: Monday, September 27, 2021
- Application deadline: Monday, October 25, 2021
- Decisions announced: Monday, November 1, 2021

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for a Dora Johnson Award, you must register for an account on the QFI 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
IF you have any questions regarding the Dora Johnson Awards, please contact us djawards@qfi.org

ABOUT QFI
Qatar Foundation International (QFI) is an educational organization committed to advancing Arabic language teaching and learning. QFI supports innovative, research-based Arabic language programs in state funded primary and secondary schools and works to increase access to Arabic instruction for educators and students around the world.

QFI currently supports programs in Austria, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Qatar, the United Kingdom, and the United States. QFI operational headquarters is in Washington, DC. QFI began operations in 2009 and is a member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.