



SOCIEDAD HISPÁNICA de AMISTAD

Sponsored by
The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and
Portuguese



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society is to promote cross-cultural acceptance and understanding in students of Spanish and Portuguese and to encourage service to school and community.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

All accredited public and non-public elementary and middle schools are eligible for membership in the Society. Sponsors must be members of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. A school may offer either Regular or Honor memberships or both.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGULAR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Any student of an elementary or middle school who is enrolled in a Spanish or Portuguese class is eligible for membership. Regular Members participate in projects in the areas of ambassadorship, service to school, and service to community. Students have fun while building interest and helping others.

NAME OF CHAPTER

Each chapter has a Spanish name chosen by the members: i.e., the **Manos Unidas** chapter. Names may be literary, historical, or of significance to your school. Since names of the chapters cannot be duplicated within a state, send **at least 3 choices in order of preference**.

CHARTER FEE

Each school pays a onetime \$25 charter fee, which is sent to the AATSP National Office along with the Charter Application Form. There is no annual charge to maintain the charter. The chapter must induct members at least once a year to be considered an "active" chapter. There is a \$5.00 charge to reactivate a charter.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

A one-time fee of \$5.00 per student must be paid before students can be inducted. The student membership application form is available online. Membership fees can be paid online or by a check sent to the AATSP National Office.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Please do not send names or fees of initiates until the charter and initiation materials have been received. Orders may be sent at any time during the school year.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Spanish and English versions of the Induction Ceremony script are available on the Chapter Guidelines SHA page of the AATSP website.

AWARDS

The SHA conducts annual contests and awards for chapter members.

HONOR MEMBERSHIPS

Honor Memberships are available to students who have completed a minimum of one full year of Spanish or Portuguese study, have maintained an excellent academic record, and have completed projects in the categories of ambassadorship, service to school, and service to community. While the definition of "excellent academic record" and the number of projects to be completed is left up to the discretion of the individual sponsor, it must be remembered that Honor Memberships are for those students who wish to go above and beyond the level of Regular Members.

CERTIFICADO DE EXCELENCIA / CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

This certificate may be awarded to the members in each school who place the highest on each level given of the National Spanish Examination, the Honor Member with the highest average in Spanish or Portuguese, or any members who have excelled in quality and quantity of projects undertaken and completed. There is no charge but there is a limit of 10% of the total number of certificates ordered. Remember that this certificate is to be given to members. It is not to be used in lieu of a membership certificate. Request certificates from the AATSP National Office by submitting an email request to SHA@aatsp.org

CERTIFICADO POR SERVICIOS / CERTIFICATE FOR SERVICE

This certificate may be awarded to chapter members who have rendered meritorious service to their chapters. There is no charge but there is a limit of 10% of the total number of certificates ordered. Request certificates from the AATSP National Office by submitting an email request to SHA@aatsp.org

PREMIO DE AMISTAD / SHA AWARD

This certificate may be awarded to the most outstanding member in each chapter. There is no charge and there is a limit of one certificate per chapter per year. Request certificates from the AATSP National Office by submitting an email request to SHA@aatsp.org