



The Mario Fierros Award for Excellence is awarded to an SHH chapter sponsor who has given exemplary service to the SHH during the year. The purpose is to focus attention on an individual whose efforts and achievements make a positive difference in the learning community. The awardee receives a stipend of up to \$1500 to cover expenses to attend the AATSP annual conference (June 26-29, 2025) in Panamá, Panamá where the individual will be recognized.

TRAVEL STIPEND:

The travel stipend is to be used to help offset your travel expenses for the 2025 AATSP Conference. This travel stipend can only be used for conference registration, transportation directly related to your travel to/from the conference, lodging, and meals not covered by conference registration. It cannot be used for conference workshops, excursions, or personal expenses associated with the conference. It may not be transferred to or split with another sponsor.

NOMINATION:

Any sponsor with an active SHH chapter may nominate another sponsor or himself/herself.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Any sponsor with an active SHH chapter for at least five consecutive years is eligible to receive the award.
2. The sponsor must have submitted three student entries for SHH contests in three different years. The contests can include the Senior Scholarship Competition, the Junior Travel Awards, and contributions to *Albricias*.
 - a. The entries must have been submitted for three different years.
 - b. To verify the entries, the sponsor must provide the names and addresses of the students as well as the name of the contests entered.
3. A sponsor can only receive this award once.
4. Sponsors who have been members of the SHH Advisory Board are ineligible.
5. Sponsors who have been recognized in another way by the Sociedad (such as State Director of the Year or Park-Sihocky winner) since 2019 are ineligible.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Complete the application located on the page following these instructions.
2. Sponsor applicants must list the activities of their local chapter of the Sociedad, especially any community service projects of the chapter.
3. Sponsor applicants must show potential for future contributions to SHH and how he/she would benefit from the support and encouragement by completing the following:
 - a. Submit with the application form a one-page statement (250-word maximum) of how the sponsor and his/her chapter would benefit from attending the annual conference of the AATSP.
 - b. After attending the AATSP conference, the winning sponsor must agree to submit a second statement expressing the benefits of sponsoring a chapter of SHH and attending the AATSP conference. This statement must be written in Spanish and consist of 300-500 words. The statement will be published online in a post-conference newsletter.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Complete the [Google form application](#) including the list and description of chapter projects, and the statement of how the sponsor and chapter would benefit by the sponsor's attendance at the AATSP conference by **February 1, 2025**.
- E-mail any questions to kscheetz.SHH@aatsp.org.
- The winner will be notified by **March 15, 2025**.

MARIO FIERROS AWARD FOR CHAPTER SPONSOR OF THE YEAR

[Click here](#) to submit your application. The form below is to assist the sponsor or nominator in gathering the information (*if applicable*). All documentation should be included on the Google form **by February 1, 2025**.

The winner will be notified by **March 15, 2025**.

Sponsor's Name _____ Chapter Name _____
School _____ Home Address _____
School Address _____ City _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____
Telephone _____ Home Phone _____
Principal's Name _____

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I agree to complete all of the requirements. I verify that all information provided is correct. I realize that if I personally am unable to attend the 2025 AATSP Conference another sponsor may be chosen in my place.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

If the sponsor nominating the applicant is other than the applicant, please complete the following:

Name of Nominating Sponsor _____

School and Chapter Name _____

Signature of Nominating Sponsor _____ Date _____

Submit the following [on the Google form](#):

1. List the names of three different students and the contests sponsored by the Sociedad which they entered during three different years (since 2020). (NSE participation does **not** count.)

Student Name	School Name	Name of Contest/Year

2. **List of chapter projects:** Provide a list of chapter projects from the past three years. Of particular interest are the community service projects your chapter has completed.
3. **Description of AATSP conference benefits:** Write a description (250-word maximum) of how you and your chapter would benefit if you were to attend the annual conference.

Post Conference Essay: Write an essay in Spanish (300-500 words) about the benefits of sponsoring an SHH chapter and attending the AATSP conference to be published online in a post-conference newsletter. This will be sent to Kelly Scheetz, SHH Director, at kscheetz.SHH@aatsp.org