



Conference Travel Grant for Upper Peninsula Educators

Purpose

To encourage and support participation in our annual Conference among individuals who work with ESL learners or teachers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula or in the northern region of the Lower Peninsula.

Award

- Waiver or reimbursement of MITESOL conference registration fees, *and*
- \$500 stipend to defray travel expenses

Frequency

2 awards, annually.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Work or volunteer in some capacity with ESL learners or ESL teachers in the Upper Peninsula or northern region of the Lower Peninsula. This includes a wide variety of contexts, from adult education (community programs, ABE), and elementary and secondary school, through post-secondary institutions (IEPs, college/university ESL and AL/TESOL programs). If you are a teacher, tutor, professor, administrator, or volunteer who works with ESL learners and/or ESL teachers (full- or part-time), in any context north of Route 10 in Michigan, you are eligible to apply for this grant.
- Be/come a member of MITESOL (you may join at the time of application)

To Apply

Write a letter addressing the following issues:

- your current work with ESL learners and/or TESOL in the U.P.
- any previous experience working in ESL/TESOL (professional &/or volunteer)
- your reasons for/interest in attending the conference
- your financial situation

Approximate length: 1 single-spaced, word-processed page.

Format Requirements

Save your letter in **PDF** format, with **your last name** as the file name. Example: Smith.pdf. Attach the PDF to an email message, with the subject "**MITESOL UP Grant**," and send it to the leader of our Professional Development Special Interest Group, **Anthony Taylor**, at: anthonta@umflint.edu.

Deadline

September 15, 2018 (11:59 p.m. EDT)

Criteria

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will be evaluated based on the thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and quality of their letter; financial need may also be taken into consideration. Applicants will be notified of their status by email.

Questions?

Contact **Anthony Taylor**, Professional Development SIG Leader, at: anthonta@umflint.edu.