



Conference Grant for Upper Peninsula ESL Professionals

Purpose

To encourage and support the participation of ESL professionals from Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the annual MITESOL conference (held in the lower peninsula).

Award Waiver or reimbursement of MITESOL conference registration fees, and \$300 to defray travel expenses.

Frequency

Two awards, annually.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Be employed as an ESL or TESOL professional by an organization in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (full- or part-time, at any level of education). This includes a wide variety of contexts, from adult education and pre-K-12, through post-secondary (IEP, college, university). If you are a teacher, teacher educator, professor, researcher, or administrator, who works with ESL students and/or teachers in Michigan's U.P., you are eligible.
- Be/come a member of MITESOL (you may join at the time of application)
- Be a new/**first-time** attendee of the MITESOL Conference in 2017

To Apply

Write a letter addressing the following issues:

- your current work in ESL 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 typed page, single-spaced.

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 MITESOL's Professional Development Special Interest Group: Brian Pickerd, at: brian@pickerd.com

Deadline September 1, 2017(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 the end of August.

Questions? Contact Brian Pickerd, Leader of MITESOL's Professional Development SIG, at: brian@pickerd.com