

**DEADLINE: September 10, 2010 (Friday)**

## **MEXICO CULTURAL PROGRAM**

The Pan American Student Forum sponsors an annual trip to Mexico for ten (10) high school members in good standing. The purpose of the trip is educational in nature and promotes an awareness and understanding of the cultural differences between Mexico and the United States in an effort to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two nations.

The students, accompanied by two adult PASF Board Members, will leave for Mexico on Friday, **November 19 and return on Wednesday, November 24, 2010**. A PASF sponsor interested in having a student participate in this program must submit the name of **ONE** student who has attended at least **ONE** State Convention. Teachers: please consider carefully your candidate. This student will be representing not only PASF, but your home town, Texas, and the United States as well. This student should be self-confident, compatible with his /her peers, and adventurous.

The student must submit **four (4) separate sets** (the original and THREE (3) copies) of the following to the PASF Scholarship Director:

1. Nomination Form
2. Application Form
3. Letter of recommendation from the chapter sponsor or current Spanish teacher
4. Official transcript with seal

The information must be postmarked on or before **SEPTEMBER 10, 2010**. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

**In addition, the student MUST meet the following criteria:**

- ◆ **HAVE A PASSPORT – BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE**
- ◆ Be a junior or senior in high school
- ◆ Be an active member of PASF and belong to a Chapter which has paid its 2010-2011 membership dues for 8 or more members
- ◆ Have high academic standards (A or B average)
- ◆ Be passing all subjects of study (Students will be required to provide copies of first two report cards)
- ◆ Have an interest in the culture of Latin American nations
- ◆ Be ready to practice Spanish in Mexico at every opportunity
- ◆ Be willing to accept the group's touring decisions
- ◆ Be in good health
- ◆ Be able to travel during specified dates
- ◆ Have written permission from principal, sponsor and parents
- ◆ Be able to pay travel expenses to and from the point of departure
- ◆ Be able to cover incidental expenses while in Mexico such as meals and souvenirs (\$200)

**(Mexico Cultural Exchange Program (continued))**

- ◆ Have health and accident insurance coverage for Mexico
- ◆ Have completed at least one year of Spanish
- ◆ Have attended at least one Convention

The final selection will be made by PASF Board Members following a telephone interview with the finalists. Students should be notified of results by **October 11, 2010**.

**\* Important Reminder:** In order to nominate a student for the Mexico Cultural Program, a chapter must have paid its 2010-11 dues. A student cannot be selected for this program if his/her chapter, including the student applying, is not a member of PASF for the current year, or if he/she has participated in the cultural program previously.

**\*Important Reminder: Chapters must have at least 8 paid student members to nominate a student.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Upon the return from the trip, the student will be required to:**

1. **E-mail** an account of his/her experiences for publication in the PAN AM TIMES by **January 14, 2010**.
2. Participate in a workshop on the Mexico Cultural Exchange Program at the State Convention, March 11-12, 2011