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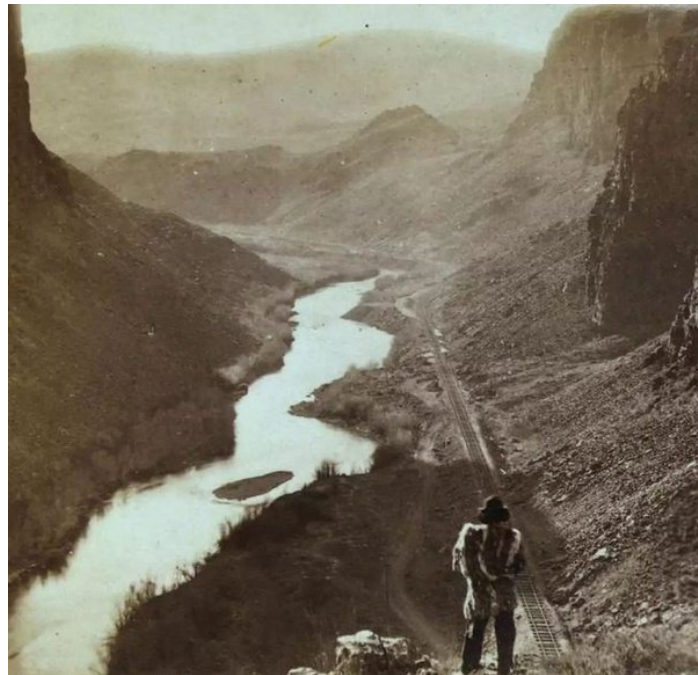
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An Indian looking at the transcontinental railroad in Nevada, 1868. (specific location not given)

From :photos seldom seen”

<https://www.quora.com/>

## Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Memorial Hospital (Walthill, Nebraska, Listed 2018)



photo by: Dana Damewood

Exterior of the Picotte Center after restoration.

In 1889, 24-year-old [Susan LaFlesche Picotte](#) graduated as valedictorian of her medical class from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, becoming America's first Native American physician. "Dr. Susan" returned home to the Nebraska Territory to provide medical services to the Omaha Tribe, traveling over 1,350 square miles of open prairie and making house calls to treat over 1,240 patients. Her dream of opening a hospital on the reservation was finally realized in 1913, just a few years before she passed away.

In June 2025, this [hospital building will be fully restored](#) with a grand opening celebrating the culmination of work around the site's restoration. With construction expected to end in May, the re-opened Picotte Center will be a space for the community including small business and studio artists, a small medical clinic and counseling service center, all honoring the legacy of "Dr. Susan" for years to come.

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### **Preservation Month 2025** - Harnessing The Power of Place

This May, for Preservation Month, we're celebrating the power of place—and the countless ways, big and small, that preservation creates. Preservation Month is our chance to show why our work matters!

There is no denying the role preservationists play in protecting historic spaces while meeting the needs of communities for the present and the future. This May, for Preservation Month, we're celebrating the power of place—and the countless ways, big and small, that [preservation creates](#). The work you do strengthens communities, breathes new life into neighborhoods, supports a healthier planet, and builds a more just and connected society.

Preservation Month is your chance to show why this work matters. It's an opportunity to share the impact you're making—how places you protect spark joy, inspire wonder, and connect us to our shared history in ways that shape our future.

Share how you're celebrating with your peers around the country by joining the National Trust's [LinkedIn Group](#) and posting information about your Preservation Month activities!

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**Old places are where our lives, memories, and stories began.** They connect us to the past, anchor us to the present, and lead us into the future. These places inspire us to create a stronger nation, because they belong to all of us.

For more than 75 years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has led the movement to save America's historic places. A privately funded nonprofit organization, we work to [save America's historic sites](#); [tell the full American story](#); [build stronger communities](#); and [invest in preservation's future](#).

Thanks to the passion and dedication of our advocates and supporters, we're able to protect hundreds of places every year. Help us save places that matter—for ourselves, each other, and our future together.

- We're Saving Places [The Power of Preservation](#)  
  
11 Most Endangered Historic Places [Facing Increasingly Severe Flooding, Jamestown Archaeologists Are Saving What They Can](#)
- We're Saving Places [Preservation Month 2025](#)

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**When a Historian Saw This Haunting Photograph of a Nameless Native Girl, She Decided She Had to Identify Her**

In 1868, Sophie Mousseau was photographed at Fort Laramie alongside six white Army officers. But her identity—and her life story—remained unknown for more than a century  
Read in Smithsonian Magazine: <https://apple.news/AqgYIFs5FSZ-5QgjDmbvpAg>

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**Commentary: Colorado River: The sky is falling, again**

Greg Walcher, president of the Natural Resources Group, writes, “Every year for the past 25, at least, negotiating teams for the seven states on the Colorado River have worked to overcome a new crisis, invariably driven by two entities: the state of California and the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). For a quarter-century, those teams have responded to federal pressure based on the dubious theory that an ongoing drought, and a resulting decline in the river’s flow, somehow changed the law and gave BOR authority to ignore the Interstate Compact. Not once has the federal agency ever acknowledged the government’s own role in reducing the river’s flow, by neglecting to manage thirsty invasive species like tamarisk, and especially by allowing national forests to become so overgrown that much of the snow never makes it to the river. It is easier simply to demand that everyone use less water. But that assumes an authority BOR does not have, under any law, to make such demands. Yet here we are again, the states trying to reach yet another agreement, with an arbitrary May deadline imposed by BOR, to replace the current drought plan that expires in two years. ... ” [Read more from the Daily Sentinel](#).

## [Proposed EPA water rule could affect NV's water quality](#)



April 28, 2025 - Alex Gonzalez, Public News Service (NV)

Both water quantity and quality are important in the dry climate of Nevada. Now, a proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency could roll back protections for the state's water resources.

EPA administrator Lee Zeldin said he wants to [reduce protections](#) granted under the Clean Water Act in an effort to undo "unfair burdens" on farmers and landowners. The 1972 federal law aims to maintain and restore the nation's waters.

Natasha Majewski, climate and energy consultant for the Nevada Wildlife Federation, said the waters covered by the act have changed over the years, but it is all an interconnected system.

"Lincoln County doesn't have the same amount of resources as Clark County, and yet water is still flowing from that county into tributaries such as the Muddy River," Majewski pointed out. "That goes into the Colorado River. That will end up being drinking water."

In 2023, the Supreme Court narrowed the definition of "waters of the United States." It determined only wetlands physically connected to other federally-recognized waters [qualify for protection](#).

Majewski noted while Nevada has its own water laws, federal regulation is needed to maintain a baseline for all states. This week, listening sessions about the proposal will be held for government agencies and Native American tribes.

The Trump administration has said it wants to reduce "red tape" for business and industry but conservationists fear loosening restrictions will cause more pollution in Nevada's wetlands and ephemeral streams. Majewski argued water should not be a partisan issue.

"It is important that all Nevadans, whatever kind of political side they are on, are able to understand these issues more," Majewski stressed. "Because water, it surpasses the administration that it's currently in."

Majewski added changing water protections could affect the quality of the Colorado River and would cause complications due to the amount of agencies managing the river.

"The Colorado River and its different tributaries that come in, it is such a patchwork of people that manage those water sources," Majewski explained.

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**Is Phoenix sustainable?** Experts tell SEJ conference the region plans for heat, drought  
"As a major city in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, Phoenix has been in the spotlight in the debate over the sustainability of urban development, so much so that it's gained the reputation for being an "uninhabitable hellscape." But some on a panel at the 2025 Society of

Environmental Journalists conference on April 25 argued that while Phoenix has its fair share of environmental and sustainability concerns — notably extreme heat and water shortages — a habitable future is still in reach. Water remains a major concern over the sustainability of Phoenix, especially on the Colorado River, and by extension, the Central Arizona Project. The CAP is a system of pipes, tunnels and aqueducts designed to bring water from the river to Indigenous communities and populous regions of the state. ... ” [Read more from Arizona Central](#).

### **Arizona’s new water plan: Treating wastewater to tackle drought**

“From April 2020 to March 2025, Arizona has endured its fourth driest stretch of drought on record, underscoring the urgency of water conservation efforts across the state. With water resources strained and climate conditions remaining unpredictable, both state agencies and residents are being urged to take proactive steps in managing water use. “Just be conscious of your water use,” Jonny Malloy, a meteorologist with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, told AZFamily. “I think it can be taken for granted.” His words highlight the need for increased awareness as Arizona faces ongoing environmental challenges. In response, the state is embracing innovative water management strategies. One of the most promising developments is the approval of new regulations that allow for the treatment and reuse of wastewater as potable, or drinkable, water. These forward-thinking rules pave the way for municipalities to convert treated wastewater into a safe, sustainable water source. ... ” [Read more from Water Online](#).

### **Pitkin County pledges \$1 million to Shoshone water rights purchase**

“Pitkin County on Wednesday joined 29 other Western Slope counties, cities and towns, irrigation districts and water providers in financially backing a plan to buy a critical Colorado River water right. Pitkin County commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Shoshone Permanency Project and pledging \$1 million toward the campaign to keep the water rights associated with the Shoshone hydropower plant in Glenwood Canyon on the Western Slope. Pitkin County’s Healthy Rivers Board recommended the \$1 million contribution from its fund at its regular meeting April 17. The Colorado River Water Conservation District plans to purchase the water rights from Xcel Energy for nearly \$100 million. The water rights are some of the biggest and oldest non-consumptive water rights on the mainstem of the Colorado River, and ensure water keeps flowing west to the benefit of downstream cities, farms, recreation and the environment. ... ” [Read more from Vail Daily](#).

### **Trump denies disaster aid, tells states to do more**

“In the wake of recent natural disasters, state leaders across the country are finding that emergency support from the federal government is no longer a given. Under President Donald Trump, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied federal assistance for tornadoes in Arkansas, flooding in West Virginia and a windstorm in Washington state. It also has refused North Carolina’s request for extended relief funding in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. While it’s not uncommon for the feds to turn down some requests for disaster declarations, which unlock federal aid, state leaders say the Trump administration’s denials have taken them by surprise. White House officials are signaling a new approach to federal emergency response, even as Trump and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem threaten to shut down



FEMA altogether. “The Federal Government focuses its support on truly catastrophic disasters —massive hurricanes, devastating earthquakes, or wide-scale attacks on the homeland,” Brian Hughes, a spokesman for the National Security Council, which advises the president on issues of national security, said in a statement to Stateline. ... ” [Read more from Stateline](#).

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> **Volkswagen and Uber unveil** plan to roll out out robotaxi service using the car company's electric minibuses; Los Angeles to be first market, starting late 2026 ([More](#)) | **How self-driving cars work** ([More](#))

> **Artificial leaf uses** sunlight to convert carbon dioxide into carbon-carbon molecules, the building blocks of useful chemicals, including liquid fuel and plastics ([More](#))

***"Each and every one of you has the power, the will, and the capacity to make a difference in the world in which you live."***

**Harry Belefonte**

## **A Massive Oakland Mural Uplifts the Town’s Culture of Resistance**

Extract: ‘Native Land Forever’

“This is my favorite wall,” Cecaci says, pointing to a panel with the phrase “Native Land Forever” and two indigenous figures, a young woman in ceremonial garb and a smiling elder. When given the opportunity to create a mural in Oakland, the recognition of tribal land and culture was a given for Cecaci.

“It’s a reminder that the land we walk on right now, Oakland, was something else before. It belonged to the Ohlone people, and people don’t think about that or how important it is,” he says.

The font, with feathers spelling out all 21 letters, is the creation of Oakland artist Tre Sorensen. He came up with it when he and Cecaci visited the Oglala Lakota tribe at Wounded Knee Reserve in South Dakota, where one of the tribe members asked him to design letters for a tattoo.

Bordering the phrase is the representation of an Ohlone chief holding a Miwok basket in honor of Cecaci’s friend’s father, a tribe member, who recently passed away. On the right is a woman, another friend of Cecaci’s, Sabina Vargas of the Mexica tribe, engaging in ceremony.

“I’m not scared to tell somebody, ‘Yo, you’re on stolen land, brother, like, it’s not your people’s [land], you feel me, so respect it,’” says the artist.

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## **Lombardo signs data sharing agreement with BLM regarding federal land**

By Kevin Sheridan

Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo is announcing the state of Nevada has signed a data sharing agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to identify potential federal land for release.

## **Bill to formally observe Indigenous People's Day heard by Nevada Senate**

By Kevin Sheridan

A bill that would formally recognize Indigenous People's Day has been heard by the Nevada Senate.

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## **Huitlacoche Is a Celebration**

"Since that day, Lucy will call me when she sees huitlacoche so that I can take some home. Being able to connect with my Native sisters by sharing and exchanging our knowledge and traditions helps keep them alive. It reflects the old ways before colonization, a time when trade routes were open and we would share our resources with each other. I find it beautiful to be able to do this now as I'm older and connect in ways that honor the past and create a better future, one more connected to resources that are important in our cultures."

<https://www.eater.com/24419838/huitlacoche-mexican-tradition-quesadilla>

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## **New tribal national park in North Dakota aims to preserve rugged and scenic landscape**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A new tribal national park in North Dakota's rugged Badlands is opening a little-seen area of the dramatic landscape to hikers and other outdoors enthusiasts, part of a Native American tribe's efforts to preserve the land and encourage recreation

The [Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation](#) established [Three Affiliated Tribes National Park](#) with the purchase of 2,100 acres (850 hectares) of a former ranch adjacent to the Fort Berthold Reservation's boundaries on the south side of the Little Missouri River.

The area was in the tribe's original treaty lands but a government allotment act later reduced the reservation's size, said Mary Fredericks, director of the tribe's Parks and Reserve Program. The reservation's boundaries have expanded to include the park.

Tribal Chairman Mark Fox said the goal is to establish a park for cultural and recreational purposes such as canoeing, kayaking and [viewing wildlife](#).

<https://apnews.com/article/north-dakota-park-badlands-tribe-6c541f02c3c81c50e5ab563f0b22776f>

### [Info Vibes Posted by Irca Vlckova](#)

In 1938, twelve Blackfeet men and other tribal members traveled by train to Hollywood to make a movie with child-star Shirley Temple, who was the biggest star at 20th Century Fox. The older men felt like they were going to a strange place, so they prayed for protection.

The Blackfeet brought their own special clothes for ceremonies. Shirley Temple's costume was made by an actor's wife. Many Guns, one of the Blackfeet men, said that on the train, they wore regular store clothes. But when they arrived in Los Angeles, they put on their buckskins and headdresses to look proud. When they ate at the famous Brown Derby restaurant, Many Guns felt that the restaurant had never seen old buffalo hunters and warriors like them before.

For two months, the Blackfeet lived in tents on the Fox studio lot and ate at the same cafeteria as the other actors. Tom Many Guns and Eddie Big Beaver, the youngest men, acted as interpreters. In 1976, when Many Guns was 80 years old, he said that he was still receiving monthly payments for his work in the movie, about \$191 a month (which would be about \$850 today). You can even watch a colorized version of the movie "Susannah of the Mounties" on YouTube.

Adolf Hungrywolf, who documented the stories of the people involved, helped preserve their memories.

The movie was Susannah of the Mounties. The article has some additional information about her Native American co-star and how the Blackfeet were portrayed.



[Susannah of the Mounties - Shirley Temple and Martin Good Rider - Petticoats & Pistols](#)

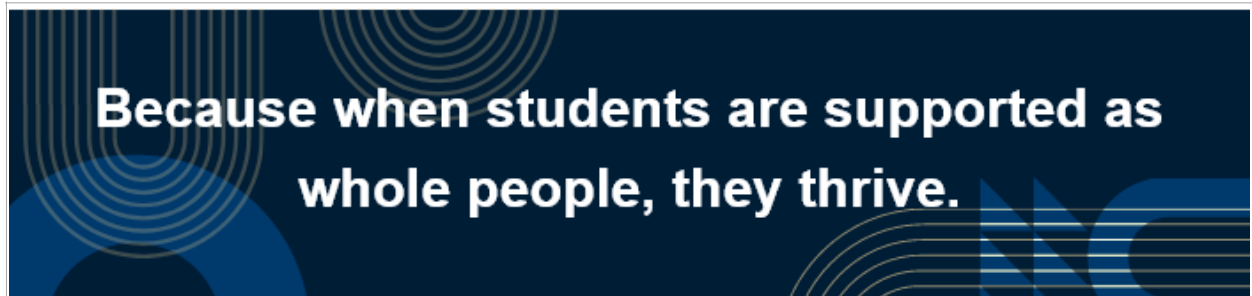




When Native students pursue higher education, the barriers they face often go far beyond tuition. Cars breaks down. Bills comes due. Childcare falls through. These everyday setbacks - though small on paper - can be the reason a student leaves school.

That's why today matters.

Today is the last day of our campaign to provide support to 100 more students - tailored solutions that keep them enrolled, focused, and on track to graduate. This isn't just a scholarship – it's a lifeline, designed to target the unique needs of Native students from their first day of school to their last.



**By renewing your support, you give scholars the vote of confidence you know they deserve – and show them that they are not alone in pursuing their goals.**

**[Give Holistic Support Today](#)**

*Your Friends at the American Indian College Fund*

## **E** [nvironmental panel approves bill calling for tribal input on water projects](#)

Lake County News, 4/30/25 - A bill requiring the State Water Quality Control Board or regional water quality control board to describe and consider the impact on tribes of proposed water projects subject to their approval was approved today by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials.

## Scholarships (A-Z) with June 1 Deadline

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| <a href="#">5000 Role Models of Excellence Scholarship</a>                           | Varies   | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellowships</a>                     | \$70,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards</a>                             | \$1,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund</a>                              | \$1,600  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Bomberos de San Diego Scholarship</a>                                    | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Britt Kearce Memorial Scholarship</a>                                    | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Candace Mast Veterinary Medicine Scholarship</a>                         | \$4,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">CDGA Foundation Veteran Scholarship</a>                                  | \$5,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">CFNCW Scholarships</a>                                                   | \$4,632  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Commander Newell S. Rand Jr. Scholarship Program</a>                     | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Cornelius Vander Broek Essay Contest for Graduate and Older Students</a> | \$3,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Cure Cancer Support Scholarship</a>                                      | \$5,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Daedalian Foundation Descendant Scholarships</a>                         | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Dr. Paul Ernsberger Research Scholarship</a>                             | \$2,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Emerald Creek Capital \$10,000 NYC Scholarship</a>                       | \$10,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">FFRF David Hudak Memorial Essay Contest</a>                              | \$3,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">GCSAA Scholarships</a>                                                   | \$10,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance Grant</a>                      | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship</a>                                     | \$5,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Katie Cannon Scholarship</a>                                             | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Kids' Chance of Tennessee Scholarship</a>                                | \$2,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Kids' Chance of Virginia Scholarship</a>                                 | \$7,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Maryland Senatorial Scholarship</a>                                      | \$33,900 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts Youth Soccer Student Scholarship</a>                       | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) Scholarship</a>                 | \$2,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Mira Kimmelman 'Learning from the Holocaust' Essay Contest</a>           | \$750    | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Miss Arizona Scholarships</a>                                            | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">My Manas Foundation Scholarship for the Underdog</a>                     | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">National Videogame Museum Scholarships</a>                               | \$5,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Navy Medicine Nurse Candidate Program</a>                                | \$34,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">New York State Grange Cornell Fund</a>                                   | Varies   | June 01, 2025 |

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| <a href="#">Paul Bernot Memorial Foundation Scholarship</a>                              | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter Scholarship</a>                                     | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Rees Scholarship Foundation — HVACR and Water Heating Technician Program</a> | \$2,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Smith Publicity Book Marketing Scholarship</a>                               | \$2,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Southeastern Community College Foundation Scholarships</a>                   | Varies   | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">TCA College Scholarships</a>                                                 | \$600    | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Club Foundation Joe Perdue Scholarship</a>                               | \$2,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Goldie Initiative Scholarship Application</a>                            | \$15,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">The Virginia W. Smith Scholarship</a>                                        | \$2,500  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Thomas Seefred Trust Scholarship</a>                                         | \$3,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Tien Bui Memorial Scholarship</a>                                            | Varies   | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">True Homes Foundation Scholarship</a>                                        | \$10,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Unity Lodge 3 Scholarship</a>                                                | \$1,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of North Texas Transfer Excellence Scholarships</a>               | \$12,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">University of Utah Browning Scholarship</a>                                  | \$24,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">USC Norman Topping Student Aid Fund</a>                                      | \$10,000 | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Zainab Damji Memorial Scholarship</a>                                        | \$4,000  | June 01, 2025 |
| <a href="#">Zonta Milwaukee Scholarships</a>                                             | \$5,000  | June 01, 2025 |

**Lead with Languages Teacher Scholarship    Amount:    \$6,000**

**Deadline:    May 30, 2025**

**Awards Available: 10**

**Eligibility Criteria:    GPA Selected Major(s) Current Year in School Citizenship Age**

Dedicated to addressing a critical national shortage by bolstering the pipeline of future language educators, this award provides merit-based scholarships to graduating high school seniors committed to pursuing the language teaching profession in languages other than English.

Launched by ACTFL in 2019, the Lead with Languages Teacher Scholarship Program provides recipients with an award of \$1,500 per academic year. Scholarships may be renewed three times following the initial award, for a cumulative total of \$6,000 per recipient.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents attending secondary schools in the United States or a U.S. territory.
- Be anticipating completion of a high school diploma at the time of application.
- Be accepted and planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution, leading to credentialing as a language educator.
- Have taken at least two years of the same language in high school, or present documentation of proficiency results from an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), the ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency (AAPPL), or any comparable assessment.
- Have maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA overall (on a 4.0 scale).