

MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

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2008 MFLA Membership Application (November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009)
2008 MFLA Conference Registration Form, October 31 - November 1, Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville, MS

MAILING INFORMATION	Is this a change of address? YES <u>NO</u>
Title (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
PERSONAL	PROFESSIONAL
Name _____	School _____
Address _____	School Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Fax _____	Fax _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____

Preferred Mailing Address: School Home
 Address to include in Membership Directory: School Home Do not include
 What languages do you teach?

What is your current assignment? teacher administrator methods instructor student
 At what level do you teach/administer?
 elementary middle/junior high high school community college undergraduate graduate

MFLA BASIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (Select one)

- Regular \$ 20
- First-year teacher \$ 5
- Graduate student \$ 5
- Institution \$ 50
- Sponsor \$ 100

Basic Annual Membership Fee =

MFLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (Select one)

- Regular Pre-Registration \$ 20
(Must be postmarked before September 30, 2008)
- On-site Registration \$ 25
- First-year teacher conference registration \$ 5
- Graduate student conference registration \$ 5
- Non-member (Attends meetings but does not join MFLA) \$ 40

Annual Conference Registration=

Total (Basic Annual Membership Fee + Conference Registration) \$ _____

Graduate students must include a letter certifying student status from Director of Graduate Studies. First-year teachers must submit a letter from their principal certifying new teacher status.

Make checks payable to MFLA.

Return to: Vernon LaCour, P. O. Box 7507, Gulfport, MS 39506-7507

Mississippi Foreign Language Association - Conference Proposal Form

October 31 – November 1, 2008
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 12:00 p.m.

Please type or print legibly.

Session

Title _____

Name of Presenter or Chair _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Street
Address _____

School _____ Department _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of Session ___Paper ___Roundtable ___Workshop _____Other

Time needed ___20 minutes ___50 minutes ___80 minutes _____Other

Description of session content: (Include another page if you need more room.)

Language Focus:

___All languages ___French ___German ___Latin ___ESL ___Spanish _____Other

Level Focus: ___Elementary ___Middle ___Secondary ___College/University _____Other

Audio-Visual Equipment Needed

We can provide only overhead projector/screen, TV/VCR, cassette recorder or CD player. If you need other equipment, we cannot promise we will be able to supply it. You may bring the equipment yourself, or contact the hotel and make arrangements. You will be charged the additional cost. Please inquire early, because arrangements will not be possible at the last minute.

Please return before September 15 to:

Virginia Gale Jolly
Gautier High School
4307 Gautier- Vancleave Road
Gautier, MS 39553
vjolly@psd.k12.ms.us

Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort
P. O. Box 160, Smyth Lake Road
Louisville, Mississippi 39339
Phone 662-773-7853 Fax 662-773-4455
Toll Free 1-888-845-6151

Mississippi Foreign Language Association Annual Conference
October 31 – November 1

Room Reservations at Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort

Please mail form to the resort or contact them by telephone to reserve as room. MFLA is not responsible for lodging.

Prices include Friday's night lodging (October 31), lunch and supper Friday, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. Please contact Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort to make your lodging arrangements before October 6, 2008.

***** please check one*****

Rates:	_____ Single	\$109.85
	_____ Double	\$ 83.10 per person
	_____ Triple	\$ 75.61 per person

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Credit Card _____

Expiration Date _____

Roommate (s) _____

Be sure to list roommate(s)

Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 11:00 a.m. Anyone arriving prior to that time will be roomed as soon as possible, but a short wait may be necessary. When making reservations, a certain motel room may be requested, but the Resort cannot promise any specific room. (Non-smoking rooms available.)

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MFLA 2008
AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

In 1995, Teresa Arrington received the first Award of Distinction from MFLA for outstanding service and dedication. Subsequent recipients are: 1996 – Elizabeth Anglin, University of Southern Mississippi; Dr. Giovanni Fontecchio, University of Southern Mississippi; Solange Frappier – Gulfport High School; Dr. Hans Gaycken, University of Mississippi; Josefina Rayburn, Tupelo High School; 1997 – Dr. Sarah Banks, Jackson State University; Dr. Ben Blaney, Mississippi State University; Dr. Jack Brown, University of Mississippi; Dr. Charles Martin, Mississippi College; Jeanne Wells Cook, Foreign Language Consultant, Mississippi Department of Education; 1998 – Dr. Elaine Coney, Southwest Mississippi Community College; 1999 – Gail Buzhardt, Millsaps College; Dr. Barbara Dease, Tougaloo College; Dr. Richard Klein, University of Mississippi; Louis Rowles, Nettleton Schools; Helen Sharp, Mississippi State University; 2000 – Brenda Batey, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Lauren Bearden, Columbus High School; 2004 – Dr. George Everett, University of Mississippi, Dr. Robert Kahn, Millsaps College; 2005 Dr. Robert Quinn, Jackson State University; 2006 Dr Donald Dyer, University of Mississippi and Dr. Felice Coles, University of Mississippi.

Considering the number of loyal MFLA members who have retired and are approaching retirement, the Board will again recognize up to five distinguished members. The awards will be presented at the 2008 MFLA Annual Meeting. All MFLA members in good standing may submit nominees who exhibit the following qualities:

- Excellence in foreign language teaching
- Active participation in MFLA (member, registrant, presenter, officer, committee member, officer, etc.)
- Evidence of leadership and promotion of foreign language teaching and learning
- Professional involvement in one or more foreign language organization other than MFLA.

An individual may not submit a nomination on behalf of himself or herself.

To nominate a member, please send the following:

1. a letter of nomination that includes the nominee's name and address, present position, role in the foreign language profession and MFLA, capacity in which the nominator has know the candidate, and detailed evidence of the ways in which the candidate meets the criteria for the award (not to exceed one page),
2. evidence of the nominee's acceptance of the nomination,
3. a biographical profile which may include education, employment, professional memberships/activities, honors (not to exceed three pages),
4. one letter of recommendation (may submit up to three letters) by someone other than the nominating individual (each letter not to exceed one page).

All above documentation must be typed and should be submitted in a sealed envelope by September 30, 2008 to:

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Mississippi Foreign Language Association
P. O. Box 7507
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2008 Helen T. Sharp Memorial Fellowship

The Helen T. Sharp Memorial Fellowship was established by the Mississippi Foreign Language Association in 2001 to help us remember Helen and her exemplary life and to encourage new teachers in their professional development. The Fellowship will pay membership dues and the annual conference registration fees for two first-year teachers and for two graduate students each year. Selection of the recipients will be based on 1) completion of the application form, 2) a letter of recommendation from a colleague, principal, or department head, and 3) a one-page statement written by the applicant about his/her philosophy of teaching a second language. Send the completed application, letter of recommendation, and statement of philosophy on or before September 30 to:

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Name of applicant _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Are you: a first-year teacher? _____ a graduate student? _____

Name and contact information of person making recommendation: _____

Date recommendation was requested: _____

Note: It is the obligation of the applicant to ask for the recommendation. This information is requested for our records.

**MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION
2008 STUDENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**

AMOUNT OF AWARD:

There are one-time awards of \$300.00 for up to three students for the 2008 – 2009 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, an applicant must:

1. Attend a Mississippi institution of higher learning during the fall term, 2008,
2. Have an A average in foreign language courses,
3. Have studied the same foreign language at least two years in high school, and
4. Be recommended by a teacher who is currently a member of MFLA.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The application packet must be postmarked on or before May 30, 2008. The recipient(s) will be announced at the Business Meeting at the Annual Conference of MFLA and published in MFLA's *Mississippi Language Crusader*.

PROCEDURE:

An applicant must:

1. Complete and return the 2008 Student Scholarship Application Student Data Form,
2. Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher who is currently a member of MFLA,
3. Submit a copy of his/her high school transcript (and community college transcript, if applicable), and
4. Submit a 200-word essay in English. The topic is included on the student data form.

NOTE: FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE ABOVE WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICATION.

RETURN THE REQUESTED MATERIALS TO:

Vice-President – Membership
Vernon LaCour
MFLA Executive Director
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MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION
2008 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Data Form

NAME _____ S.S.# _____ - _____ - _____

E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

NAME OF CURRENT SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

MISSISSIPPI INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING YOU WILL ATTEND IN THE FALL TERM, 2008

FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES TAKEN

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES (Such as, but not limited to Foreign Language Honorary Societies or Clubs, National Foreign Language Examination)

OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Additional sheets may be included.)

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ESSAY.

TOPIC: What has been the significance of foreign language study in your education and what role do you believe it will play in your future?