

## **Looking for ways to fund conference attendance?**

- Ask your school district about Professional Development funds available for your use.
- Present a proposal to you PTA/PTO or other parent organizations identifying professional development benefits from attending our conference.
- Request support from a local community-based organization such as the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, or other groups supporting educators.
- Present a proposal to your state language teachers organization to become the Extension Workshop presenter, and ask for their support.
- Designate a portion of grant funds for conference attendance or professional development, and use it for CSCTFL.
- If you are a graduate student, inquire about grants through your institution for conference attendance.
- Find a travel buddy with whom to split transportation and hotel costs. Also, 'talking shop' with a companion helps you retain what you learn and enhances the conference experience.

Remember that conference attendance falls into the tax category of unreimbursed professional expenses. Check with your tax consultant about what portion you can deduct from your taxes.