

TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo 2013 will be held in Dallas -- March 20-23, 2013.

*The annual convention of **TESOL** (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) offers professional development to English language teaching professionals from around the globe.*

Participants have the opportunity to exchange ideas and practices, keep abreast of current trends, foster their professional networks, receive mentoring on research projects, review the latest books and professional resources, and learn about advocacy efforts in their communities and around the world.

For more information, visit the <http://www.tesolconvention.org/>

Reimbursement amounts per attendee for the LDA Conference are:

- For those in the *greater Dallas area*, the conference registration fee will be reimbursed up to \$320 (member early registration price)
- For those traveling to Dallas for the conference, the conference registration fee will be reimbursed up to \$320 (member early registration price) plus travel assistance up to \$500.

If you are interested in applying for reimbursement to support your participation, you can contact Ken Appelt at TCALL (kappelt@tamu.edu) 800-441-7323 to request an application and to find out if you are eligible for professional development support through the Volunteer Training Initiative.

Applications for the TESOL Conference will be accepted until Friday, January 18th 2013.

Successful applicants will be notified by January 23, 2013. This will allow you to register at the Early Bird rates.

These professional development funds are provided through the Literacy Volunteer Training Initiative at TCALL.

The Literacy Volunteer Training Initiative promotes instructional quality in volunteer and community-based literacy service providers that do not have access to federal or state funds for training. This is accomplished by supporting access to quality professional development for volunteers, instructors, and instructional leaders of those programs.

This reimbursement is made available through state leadership funds provided by Texas Education Agency and administered by the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning (TCALL) under the leadership of Texas LEARNS. **Recipients of**

VTI funding should be *instructors*, or others *directly involved in instruction*, such as teacher coordinators, curriculum planners, or local program trainers of teachers and volunteers.

Those approved for reimbursement must register for the conference by the conference Early Registration Deadline and pay all registration fees and expenses. Your program will be reimbursed by TCALL after the conference. Reimbursement forms and instructions will be provided by TCALL. Each program will collect expense receipts and submit the required forms to TCALL for reimbursement. You may be reimbursed for registration fees, hotel, travel and food up to the allowable amount.

Contact Ken Appelt at TCALL (kappelt@tamu.edu) 800-441-7323 with any questions about professional development support through the Volunteer Training Initiative.

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