

HELEN CHARNES SCHAEFER AWARD

The Helen Charnes Schaefer Award was established by her children to give teachers the opportunity to travel. Mrs. Charnes Schaefer was an educator in the Elyria Schools who was a recipient of the Martha Holden Jennings Award when she was a classroom teacher. This award enabled her to travel abroad for the first time to attend the International Reading Conference. Mrs. Charnes Schaefer then became principal at Crestwood School for 17 years. After she retired, she received the Alumni Distinguished Educator Award. Before she died, Mrs. Charnes Schaefer visited 43 countries. Antarctica was the only continent she did not visit.

Teachers can apply for this grant for travel to increase their understanding of cultural diversity and expand their worldview. Teachers who receive this grant will act as a conduit for their students to ignite curiosity about other peoples and inspire cultural exploration. Although funds may be used for conference fees, it is not a requirement that the recipient attend a conference. This year's award is for \$500. Funds can be used for travel expenses, hotels, and meals, but alcohol is excluded. Travel may be domestic or international.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where do you want to travel?
2. Why is this visit important to you?
3. Where have you traveled either domestic or international?
4. What would you like to learn because of your travel?
5. How will you share this information with students and staff?

Please note that answers to the above questions need not be linked to Ohio State Standards. The purpose of this grant is personal enrichment.

On a separate page please include your name, current teaching assignment and contact information.