

**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE  
MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT  
CANYON DEL ORO**

**I. General Criteria**

- A. The graduating senior must be currently enrolled in, or have completed, the equivalent of a 4<sup>th</sup> year **level** modern language.
- B. The student must have a grade point average of at least 3.7 (**non-weighted**) in the modern language. (This allows for two 'B' in seven semesters of the language. This is the same for a student taking Honors, AP, & IB classes, as well.) Grades will be verified by the department.
- C. The student has to have done at least **one** of the following:
  - 1. Taken or will have taken a national language test such as the AP test, IB language exam, Achievement Test (SAT II), National Modern Language Exam, CLEP exam, etc.
  - 2. Participated in an exchange program (hosted or gone overseas).
  - 3. Taken one or more years of an additional modern language.
  - 4. Participated in other modern language experiences within the community (acceptable at the discretion of the department).

\*\*For any other specific considerations, talk to your language teacher

**II. Criteria for Letter (Must be written in the modern language)**

\*For ASL: Submit letter & Sign the letter to teacher

- A. It must be typewritten (double-spaced)
- B. It should be at least one page length. ( approx. 225-250 words)
- C. It should include the following content:
  - 1. Why student feels he/she deserves a Certificate of Excellence.
  - 2. How many years the student has studied modern language(s) and where.
  - 3. All extra-curricular/outside of school's modern language experience.
  - 4. How the student plans to use the language in the future.