



March 2010

To: 2010 Program Leaders  
Fr: Tanya Gajewski / Director of Education  
Re: MOST VALUABLE TRAVELER Awards (“MVT”)

Dear Leader:

As you know, we currently have awards for best letter and for best photo in order to promote and recognize outstanding achievements in these areas. **We are now happy to offer an award to encourage and acknowledge exceptional student performance on the program abroad.** We call this the MVT Award.

**CRITERIA:** Each leader team (as a whole) is asked to nominate two students for this award. The award seeks to recognize two categories of performance (language and leadership):

1. the student who most consistently honors the commitment to speak the target language throughout the program;
2. the student who most exemplifies positive attitude, helpfulness and overall contribution to group morale.

[**Note:** The same student may be nominated for both categories if the leader team deems him/her so worthy.]

**SELECTION:** the leader(s) must decide on only one or two nominees from the entire group -- this is not a per-school award unless you are on a custom program which has only one school and at least ten students. Consequently, the leader team needs to collaborate to reach a consensus about the nominees. If a consensus cannot be reached, the leaders can draw names from the list of their candidates.

**REPORTING:** Leaders are asked to identify their group’s award nominees using the Most Valuable Traveler Nomination Form (page 2 of this document). All leaders from a combined group must sign this form and one leader will submit it to ISE within two weeks of the group’s scheduled return.

**FINAL PROCESS:** Each nominee will receive from ISE an award certificate. At the conclusion of the program, all nominees shall be entered in a special drawing by which ISE will award a cash prize of \$250 per MVT category (criteria 1 and 2 above). There will be three \$250 winners per category (6 total). Prize winners will be announced around September 01, 2010.

**Important:** Students can only be acknowledged if the signed nomination form is submitted to ISE as instructed above. If we receive no form, we will assume no nominations were made for the group. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this new award.

We hope you will have many motivated students from which to choose. Have a terrific program!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tanya Gajewski'.

Tanya Gajewski  
Director of Education



## MOST VALUABLE TRAVELER NOMINATION FORM

(Please submit to ISE within 2 weeks of scheduled return to the U.S.)

ISE Program \_\_\_\_\_ ISE Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Leaders: \_\_\_\_\_

**MVT CATEGORY 01 NOMINEE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's School: \_\_\_\_\_

In my (our) opinion this student is worthy of special recognition for using the target language in my (our) group.

**MVT CATEGORY 02 NOMINEE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's School: \_\_\_\_\_

In my (our) opinion this students is worthy of special recognition for demonstration of positive attitude, helpfulness and overall contribution to the group morale.

We, the undersigned leaders, are pleased to submit our MVT nominations:

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