

**SEALS OF EXCELLENCE
MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT
IRONWOOD RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

I. General Criteria

- A. The graduating senior must be currently enrolled in, or have completed, the equivalent of a 4th year **level** modern language.
- B. The student must have a grade point average of at least 3.80 (**non-weighted**) in the modern language. (This allows for one 'B' in seven semesters of the language. This is the same for a student taking Pre-AP, AP, & IB classes, as well.) An unofficial transcript should be attached to show proof of the 3.80 GPA.
- C. The student has to have done at least **one** of the following:
 - 1. Taken and can verify 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).
 - 5. Tutored a modern language at CDO, either through Peer Tutoring or departmental auspices.
- D. The student will submit a letter to the Modern Languages Department by **April 10, 2019**.

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

- A. It must be typewritten (typed, double-spaced): accents may be put in by hand.
- B. It must be at least one word processed page in length.
- C. It should include the following content:
 - 1. Why student feels he/she deserves a Seal of Excellence.
 - 2. How many years the student has studied modern language(s) and where.
 - 3. All extra-curricular modern language experience.
 - 4. How the student plans to use modern language in the future.
- D. Candidates' letters will then be reviewed by the Modern Languages Department for final decision.

Please attach this section to your application.

Name: _____ Modern Languages: _____

Modern Languages GPA: _____ Part I (C) Criteria: _____

