



NSLI FOR YOUTH

Scholarships to Study
Language Abroad



Learn a Language Experience the World

The U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative (NSLI-Y) provides overseas critical language study opportunities to American youth through **merit-based scholarships** to spark a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures.

Previous language study is not required.

Students at all levels of language ability are encouraged to apply. NSLI-Y strives to reflect the diversity of U.S. society abroad.

Eligibility requirements:

- U.S. citizen
- 15-18 years of age at the start of the NSLI-Y program
- Enrolled in high school at the time of application
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Additional criteria detailed in the application

The application deadline is:

NSLI-Y programs may take place in:

- China
- Estonia
- India
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Korea
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Morocco
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Turkey
- Other locations around the world

NSLI-Y programs offer:

- Merit-based full scholarships for American youth
- Overseas language immersion programs
- Beginning, intermediate and advanced language classes
- Host family experience
- Alumni programs to continue language learning and explore language-focused career opportunities

NSLI-Y scholarships are available for the following languages:

- Arabic
- Indonesian
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Hindi
- Korean
- Persian (Tajiki)
- Russian
- Turkish

Virtual NSLI-Y

Virtual NSLI-Y is a 10-week, beginner level foreign language and cultural experience. Participants are placed in teacher-led classes of approximately 10 students that meets twice a week for 90-minutes.



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