



NSLI FOR YOUTH

Scholarships to Study
Language Abroad

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) provides critical language study overseas for U.S. high school students through full, merit-based scholarships to participate in intensive immersion summer and academic year programs. NSLI-Y equips participants with the linguistic skills and cultural knowledge to be leaders in a globalized world.



IMPACT

NSLI-Y's impact is long-lasting and influences studies, careers, and interpersonal skills.

Over 95% of alumni said that the program met or **exceeded their expectations.**

98% of alumni would **encourage someone else to apply** for a NSLI-Y scholarship.

99% of alumni agreed that the NSLI-Y **experience was valuable**, with **96%** indicating that they **"strongly agreed"**.

79% of the alumni's parents reported NSLI-Y contributed a great extent to their **child's academic development.**



LEARNING

NSLI-Y starts a lifetime of learning about languages and cultures.

100% of NSLI-Y alumni improved their competencies in the **language they studied.**

100% of NSLI-Y alumni improved their understanding of the **daily life and culture of their host countries.**

80% of alumni **continued their foreign language study** after returning from their NSLI-Y experience.

97% of alumni **applied the general intercultural competency skills** they had gained through NSLI-Y in their school settings.

NSLI-Y is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. For more information about NSLI-Y, please visit www.nsliforyouth.org.



WORK READINESS

NSLI-Y has long-term effects that become apparent as alumni begin their careers.

86% of alumni agreed that the NSLI-Y experience led to a professional **expertise they would otherwise not have developed.**

76% of alumni believed that the NSLI-Y experience **made their job applications more competitive.**



TRAJECTORIES

NSLI-Y alumni have majored in international relations, area studies, foreign languages, military studies, and science and technology. They pursue careers in a wide range of fields.

