

Critical Language Scholarship

Application Deadline: November



Overview

- Intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities.
- Students are immersed in a specific language and the culture associated with it for 8 to 10 weeks, learning the equivalent to a full academic year's worth of curriculum.
- Designed to promote Americans studying foreign languages critical to national security and economic prosperity
- Recipients of the CLS award will have expenses related to the program paid for in full. This includes tuition, room/board, international/domestic travel, and program activity fees
- Depending on the language program, applicants are not required to have previous experience with language training:
 - **Level 1 (no previous training required)**- Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu
 - **Level 2 (at least 1 academic year of training)**- Arabic, Persian
 - **Level 3 (at least 2 academic years of training)**- Chinese, Japanese, Russian
- Recipients will have an organized weekly schedule of 20+ hours of language courses, study periods, and cultural immersion activities
 - This is **NOT** a study abroad opportunity, but a language immersion opportunity

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen at least 18 years by the time of the program start
- Enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-seeking program at either an undergraduate or graduate level
 - Undergraduates must have completed 1 academic year (2 semesters) by time of enrollment
- Able to pass a physical and mental health assessment

Materials Required

- Online application must be completed for submission
- Applicants must choose one **language** not a specific location
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcript from enrolled program
- 4 Short Answer Essays, and 1 Statement of Purpose
- If an applicant is applying to a level 2 or 3 program, they will need to be assessed by a professional of that chosen language to determine academic level

Additional information can be found out <http://www.clscholarship.org/> or you can contact Career Education and Development at 724-738-2028