



Summer Language Institute Scholarships for Less Commonly Taught Languages

Critical Language Scholarship Opportunity

Cultural awareness and language proficiency are critical skills for the next generation of leaders in our globalized world. The CLA Language Scholarships support students who wish to achieve greater language proficiency in less-commonly taught languages and cultural understanding in our changing world.

Scholarships of variable amounts are available to support students studying less commonly taught languages (LCTL) at Penn State (University Park).

Who is Eligible

- Students (High School, Undergraduate, and Graduate students) planning to enroll in the Penn State Summer Language Institute to study a less commonly taught language. Preference may be given to students who don't have access to instruction in these
- languages during the regular academic year (i.e., high school students, students from Penn State's Commonwealth campuses). However, all carefully prepared applications will be considered for all levels of support.

Application Form/Summer 2024

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Email address: _____

(Penn State will use this email address to communicate logistical information regarding the program).

Are you a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

yes, less than one year yes, more than one year no

Phone number where you can be reached during the day: _____

Home Address: _____

High school students, please list:

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Address: _____

List the Language Institute course(s) that you plan to take in the summer of 2024:



Name of the school you currently attend: _____

Location of the school: _____

Your current standing (as of spring 2024 - check one):

High School: 9 10 11 12

College: first year sophomore junior senior

graduate student

Penn State students, please indicate your current Penn State ID number: _____

Name of an instructor or college/high school representative from whom you have requested a recommendation: _____

Recommender's email address: _____

In what capacity does this person know you: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be complete, your application must include:

1. completed application form
2. a letter of recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, other school representative)
3. a copy of your recent transcripts (unofficial copies will suffice, though official may be requested later)
4. a personal statement, describing your current career goals, reasons for studying the language of your interest, and your plans for further language study or travel abroad. The statement should be approximately two pages long (12 pt. font, double-spaced)
5. High school students also need to include STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES, if available

Required materials may be emailed to galinova@psu.edu :

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