2020-21 Application Tips

- Familiarize yourself with the program before working on your application. Consider the goals of NSLI-Y and review the website and Terms and Conditions document to better understand what NSLI-Y entails and what it does not.

- **Research** your host languages and countries of interest.

- Think about your **future goals**!

- **Proofread!** It’s a good idea to ask an adult to also proofread your work and provide feedback.

- Work on your essays in a Word Processing Program and **save your work** often.

- **Submit your application before October 30th!** If you have trouble submitting your application or if you encounter a technical problem, you'll have time to resolve the issue with NSLI-Y staff.

- Even after your application has been submitted, you can check to see if your Teacher and Parent have submitted their recommendations/statements. Log in to your application and look at the status history boxes in sections 16 and 17 of the application.

The Essays

**Host family letter:** Answer all of the questions in the prompt and show your personality. The letter may be shared with your potential future host family.

**Essay 1:** Explain three distinct reasons why you want to participate in NSLI-Y. Consider how NSLI-Y relates to your future interests and remember to consider the NSLI-Y goals.

**Essays 2 and 3:** Ensure you are the central figure in your response and that your example is appropriate. Consider what you learned and/or how you grew.

In all of your essays, be honest and authentic! Don’t be afraid to let your personality shine through!

Resources

Information on host languages and countries: ACTFL’s Lead with Languages Campaign, Department of State Travel Resources, NSLI-Y Interactive

Information on all U.S. Department of State sponsored exchange programs: www.exchanges.state.gov.

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