



Virtual language and culture study at your fingertips



**LEARN ARABIC, CHINESE (MANDARIN),  
HINDI, KOREAN, RUSSIAN, OR TURKISH**

**Virtual National Security Language Initiative for Youth (Virtual NSLI-Y)** is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, introducing U.S. high school students to languages critical to U.S. national security.

**The U.S. State Department's Virtual NSLI-Y program** is a 10-week language and culture experience for those beginning language learning. Virtual NSLI-Y participants gain critical language, cross-cultural communications, and other practical skills in an online setting.

Participants receive a full scholarship to participate in virtual classes twice a week, led by an experienced teacher. Class size is approximately 10 students.



**APPLY BY:**  
**Monday, Oct 23**  
**@ 4PM ET**

**No prior foreign language  
learning experience required!**

## PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

**LANGUAGES:** Beginner-level Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Russian, or Turkish

**WINTER 2024 CLASS DATES:** January 7 - March 17  
(exact start/end dates vary based on class schedule)

**COSTS:** None, but access to a computer and internet is required for participation. Financial assistance may be available.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen students in U.S.-based high schools. Full eligibility requirements available at [www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual](http://www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual)

**SCHEDULES:** 90-minute classes, twice a week following one of these schedules:

- Mondays, Wednesdays: 6:30 – 8PM
- Tuesdays, Thursdays: 7 – 8:30PM
- Wednesdays 6:30 – 8PM, Saturdays 10:30AM – 12PM
- Thursdays, Sundays: 7:30 – 9:00PM

*All times are ET.*

*Sessions that fall on a federal holiday will be rescheduled.*



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"Virtual NSLI-Y helped foster my love for learning languages, which will help bridge barriers in communication and open up further career opportunities."

-Virtual NSLI-Y Hindi alum

"The course was incredibly challenging, yet incredibly engaging and fulfilling. Every single class, day after day, I left wanting to learn more."

-Virtual NSLI-Y Korean alum

## ACTIVITIES

### Participants will engage in the following:

- Interactive instruction from an experienced language teacher via video conference and asynchronous class collaboration space
- Homework, quizzes, and language assessments
- Skits, roleplays, videos, and projects
- Conversation practice
- Cultural and language learning opportunities, featuring guests such as:
  - NSLI-Y alumni
  - U.S. government or private sector employees who use language and cultural skills
  - Experts on traditional arts and cuisine
- Virtual tours of sites of historic and/or cultural significance, like museums and markets
- Videos related to cultural learning or grammatical concepts in the target language

## PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

Virtual NSLI-Y is meant for participants with no prior experience in their chosen language, and is designed to help participants develop confidence and build a solid foundation for future language learning.

Through Virtual NSLI-Y, students will also demonstrate global competence<sup>1</sup> by:

- Investigating the world
- Better recognizing their own and others' perspectives
- Effectively communicating ideas
- Taking action to make a difference locally, regionally, and globally



**LEARN MORE**  
[www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual](http://www.nsliforyouth.org/virtual)



<sup>1</sup><https://sites.asiasociety.org/education/globalcompetence/>