

2023 NSLI-Y ALUMNI SURVEY KEY FINDINGS

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) is a scholarship program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs that provides merit-based scholarship for American high school students and recent high school graduates. Participants study critical languages abroad for a summer or an academic year. Since 2006, over 8,000 U.S. teens have participated in NSLI-Y. Results are based on a 2023 opt-in alumni survey with a 14% response rate.

IMPACTFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

 **85%**

Of respondents continue studying their NSLI-Y target language.


 **80%**

Of respondents continue to use their target language skills, primarily with native speakers in their community or abroad.

 **Nearly 400**

Alumni participated in another U.S. Government language learning or cultural exchange after NSLI-Y.

SUSTAINED USE OF TARGET LANGUAGE

 **99%**

Of respondents credit NSLI-Y with increasing their personal and professional skills.

 **82%**

Of respondents report that NSLI-Y had a significant impact on their educational and/or professional goals.

 **800+**

Alumni provided examples of decisions or accomplishments that they linked to NSLI-Y.

PROACTIVE AND ENGAGED US CITIZENS

 **89%**

Of respondents said NSLI-Y expanded their worldview and encouraged them to appreciate other cultures.

 **87%**

Of respondents improved their communication skills by participating in NSLI-Y.

 **54%**

Of respondents have used their NSLI-Y language or cultural skills in community service.



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