

Make a Difference

Volunteer with American Councils

- Do you want to contribute to intercultural communication and understanding?
- Do you want to help provide opportunities for American students to immerse themselves in critical languages?
- Do you want to learn about the cultures and countries of the former Soviet Union and Europe through the eyes of their young people?



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Youth exchange programs empower the next generation and establish long-lasting ties between the United States and other countries, promoting mutual understanding, peace, and security. Over the past three decades, the U.S. Congress and Department of State have created youth exchanges as an important component of U.S. public diplomacy and foreign policy:

- Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) program:** initiated in 1992 to create closer relations with the successor nations of the former Soviet Union
- Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program:** developed to improve understanding between the U.S. and the Muslim world
- National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program:** offers U.S. teens short- and long-term scholarships to study Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian, and Turkish in countries where these languages are spoken



These programs provide high school students with the opportunity to travel to the U.S. or abroad for an academic year or summer and study and live with a host family. To date, more than 36,000 students have received scholarships to participate in the U.S.-bound programs, and more than 5,600 U.S. students have received NSLI-Y scholarships to study abroad.

Volunteers must participate in a 1.5 day training session to prepare them to evaluate student applications. Subsequently, hours are flexible. Evaluation of applications begins November, 2017 and will be completed by March, 2018.



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