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is seeking volunteers to evaluate scholarship applications of high school students from 21 countries.

→ 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 Southeast Europe through the eyes of their young people?

Youth exchange programs empower the next generation and establish long-lasting ties between the United States and other countries, promoting mutual understanding. Over the past 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 was initiated in 1992 to create closer relations with the successor nations of the former Soviet Union.
- **Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES)** program to advance understanding between the U.S. and the Muslim world.
- **American Serbian and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE)** program to promote youth leadership in Southeast Europe.
- **National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)**, a U.S. government-funded program administered by American Councils that offers U.S. teens short- and long-term scholarships to study Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian, and Turkish in countries where these languages are spoken.



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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 23,000 students have received scholarships to participate in the U.S.-bound programs, and more than 3,700 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, 2014 and will be completed by March, 2015.

