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Sample

FORM # 7: Academic Teacher Recommendation Letter

NSLI-Y is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students to learn less commonly taught languages¹ in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. Previous language study is not required, and language learners of all levels are encouraged to apply.

NSLI-Y programs immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. For 2023, some programs will continue to take place in a virtual format. Now more than ever, it is important that Americans have the necessary linguistic skills and cultural knowledge to promote international dialogue and support American engagement abroad. NSLI-Y aims to provide opportunities to American youth that will prepare them to be leaders in a global world.

ASE's NSLI-Y Russian Language & Culture Program offers academically high-achieving students of ballet a unique experience that combines in-depth introduction to Russian language and culture, in addition to their ballet training at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive (NY/CT). Award of the NSLI-Y scholarship is merit based through an application process. While the ballet training component distinguishes A.S.E.'s program from other NSLI-Y programs, the primary focus remains Russian language acquisition and introduction to culture.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

Forward this Form to one (1) academic or ballet teacher and ask to complete on your behalf. It is recommended that you provide your teachers with this form/request recommendation letters at least two (2) weeks prior to the due date of **Sunday, April 2, 2022 – 10pm EST**. It is your responsibility to follow-up with the teachers to make sure they submitted them on your behalf.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS

Teachers providing a recommendation are asked to be mindful of the guidance below:

1. In your response, please address the following:
 - Applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationship, and participation in group projects with other students.
 - What talents, interests, and skills can the applicant contribute to this program?
 - Please comment on the applicant's appreciation or cultural diversity and ability to adapt to different, uncomfortable, or unfamiliar environments and situations.
 - What skills could the applicant improve upon?
2. Email the recommendation form below (**using your official school email address**) to irina@aseglobalbridges.org by **April 2, 2023 - 10:00pm EST**.

Thank you for your role in supporting the NSLI-Y Programs.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.bolshoiballetacademy.com/nsli-y>

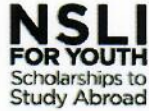
Questions may be directed to (email preferred):

Irina Zakharchenko, Program Assistant

Email: irina@aseglobalbridges.org

Phone: 212.687.6118 x 203

¹ Current languages are; Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian, and Turkish.



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2023 NSLI-Y Russian Language & Culture Program

Please return this form to Irina Zakharchenko by email at irina@aseglobalbridges.org by April 2, 2023 _ 10:00pm EST

Your name: _____

School: _____

Student you are recommending: _____

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Please rate the student's performance in the following categories:

	Outstanding	Great	Good	Fine	Poor
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Interact with Peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Interact with Superiors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Virtual Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Honesty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Rules and Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tolerance for diversity & differences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to Academics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall Assessment:

Please check one of the following and explain below:

I highly recommend this applicant for a rigorous Russian language & culture program in a hybrid format.

I have some reservations about this applicant's readiness for a rigorous Russian language & culture program.

I do not recommend this applicant for a rigorous Russian language & culture program.



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**Before answering the questions below please refer to Page 1 guidance:
INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS**

Please share additional insights on your selected assessment of student's performance:

Please add any other comments about this student that the NSLI-Y Russian Language & Culture Program application review committee should know. Please keep your comments to 1-2 paragraphs.

→ **Teacher Signature:** _____

→ **Date:** _____