



Sample

FORM #6: Language Experience - Knowledge of Languages

1) What is your native or first language?

- English
- Other

2) What language(s) are spoken in your home? _____

3) Have you studied or do you know any languages, other than English?

- Yes
- No

4) Describe other language experience you have that is not covered above.

Maximum of 250 words allowed

5) Have you participated in a STARTALK language program?

- Yes
- No

Language Experience - Self-Assessment of Russian

Your Language Preference: **Russian** (Summer). NSLI-Y provides beginning language instruction. This information will assist with assigning you to an appropriate level of language class in your program.

Experience with Russian Language

Finalists who answered yes to 1a, 1 b, 1c and/or 1d will be asked to complete a pre-program Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) approximately one month before the start of the program.

1) What is your experience with Russian Language?

1a) Have you studied Russian Language in a formal classroom setting?

- Yes
- No

1b) Have you studied Russian Language independently?

- Yes
 No

1c) Is Russian Language spoken in your home?

- Yes
 No

1d) Do you anticipate that you will participate in formal or significant self-study of Russian Language between now and the anticipated program start?

- Yes
 No

Self-Assessment of Russian Language

1e) Respond to the following statements about your Russian Language study experience, as well as your ability to use and understand Russian Language. Your responses will assist in assigning you to an appropriate level of language class. Please be honest and accurate about your proficiency.

(i) Have you studied Russian in a formal classroom setting?

- Yes
 No

(ii) Have you studied Russian independently?

- Yes
 No

(iii) Have you received an ACTFL-certified Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) rating in Russian?

- Yes

If Yes, when: _____ OPI result _____

- No

(iv) Have you received a rating from another certified language test in Russian (i.e. STAMP, TORFL, NEWL or another language-specific test)?

- Yes
 No

(v) I can ask and answer simple questions about my name and place of birth, make social introductions and use greeting and leave-taking expressions. I can describe myself in basic terms.

- Yes
 No

- (vi) I can read and understand the purpose and meaning of very short, familiar, simple written texts such as printed notes, ads, or signs.
- Yes
 No
- (vii) In everyday conversation with people speaking standard dialect, I can understand speech if it is slow and clear.
- Yes
 No
- (viii) I can give detailed information about my family, my house, and my community.
- Yes
 No
- (ix) I can speak in an organized fashion on topics beyond my basic routine.
- Yes
 No
- (x) I can listen to and understand simple communications on familiar topics, including descriptions of events, feelings, wishes, and future plans.
- Yes
 No
- (xi) I can read and understand uncomplicated stories about current, past, and future events.
- Yes
 No
- (xii) I can accurately listen to and follow all conversations among native speakers who are speaking at a normal rate of speech.
- Yes
 No
- (xiii) I rarely find myself unable to finish a sentence because of language limitations and there are few grammatical features of the language that I try to avoid.
- Yes
 No
- (xiv) I can usually read and understand all the material in a major daily newspaper.
- Yes
 No
- (xv) I am completely fluent and can express myself as well in the target language as in my native language.
- Yes
 No

Statistical Information

The responses in this section are optional and not considered in the selection process. This information will not impact the evaluation of your NSLI-Y application.

1) How would you describe yourself?

Check all that apply

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- I decline to state

2) Do you have a disability?

- Yes No I decline to state

3) Household's annual income: Select _____

4) Do you qualify for the National School Lunch Program?

- Yes
 No

5) What type of school do you attend?

Select

If Other, please specify

6) How would you classify the area where you live?

Select

If Other, please specify

7) How did you learn about the NSLI-Y program?

Check all that apply

- Bolshoi Ballet Academy
- Brochure
- Club/Youth Organization (Boys and Girls Clubs, Church Groups, Scouts, etc.)
- Counselor (at school or elsewhere)

- Email
- Exchange Organizations
- Exchange Student or Program Alumnus
- Family Member
- Festival
- Honors Society
- Host Family
- Internet Search or Advertisement
- Media: Magazine, Newspaper, Radio, TV
- Poster
- Social Media Advertisement, Post from a friend
- State Department Presentation
- STARTALK
- Teacher
- Other

8) Make intercultural learning a family experience! Perhaps your family would consider hosting an international exchange student. Would your family like to receive information about this unique opportunity?

- Yes
- No