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### Dallas High School Student to Study Arabic in Morocco on U.S. Department of State NSLI-Y Scholarship

Anna McGoldrick, a high school student in Dallas, Texas, has been awarded a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship for 2015-16. Anna will study Arabic in Morocco for the Summer.

Anna is one of only 620 competitively selected students from across the United States who will receive a scholarship to study Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, or Turkish overseas this year. While in Morocco, Anna will receive formal instruction and informal language practice in an immersion environment.

The NSLI-Y program seeks to increase the number of Americans who can engage with native speakers of critical languages. The goals of the NSLI-Y program include sparking a life-long interest in foreign languages and cultures, and developing a corps of young Americans with the skills necessary to advance international dialogue and cross-cultural opportunities in the private, academic, and government sectors.

NSLI-Y is administered by American Councils for International Education in cooperation with AFS-USA, American Cultural Exchange Service, AMIDEAST, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine, iEARN-USA, Legacy International, Russian American Foundation, Stony Brook University, the University of Delaware, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin. Applications for 2016-2017 NSLI-Y programs are expected to be available at [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org) in the early fall. For information about U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange programs visit <http://exchanges.state.gov>.

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