

SCHOLARSHIPS to LIVE and STUDY in CHINA Academic Year 2010-2011

School Year Abroad is proud to offer an outstanding scholarship opportunity to students of Mandarin to live and study in Beijing at SYA China for the academic year.

Two \$20,000 grants will be awarded to Mandarin language students with outstanding academic credentials and demonstrated competency and interest in Chinese language and culture without regard to family financial need.

What is School Year Abroad?

Since 1964, School Year Abroad has offered rigorous academic and homestay programs at our three schools in Europe. Our school in Beijing, China made study abroad history, becoming in 1995 the first program to offer a full-time homestay with a Chinese family to U.S. students during the school year. Our school is located in the heart of China's capital city on the campus of High School #2, attached to Beijing Normal University. Classes include intensive two-and-one-half-credit Mandarin taught by Chinese instructors, and English, math, Chinese History and Chinese Society and Culture taught by American teachers. Students take the PSAT, SAT and Advanced Placement examinations, are assigned a college counselor and receive full U.S. high school credit when they return to their home schools. The academic program is supplemented by approximately 40-45 days of travel throughout China.

SYA is a nonprofit educational organization founded by Phillips Academy in Andover and now a consortium including top independent schools across the country. However, enrollment is open to students from any accredited U.S. high school.

How do I apply for the scholarships?

Although SYA China is available to beginners as well as students who have begun studying Mandarin, *only applicants studying Mandarin at level two or above will be eligible for the merit scholarships.* Other candidates may apply for regular, need-based financial grants if they are not eligible to apply for the merit. Tuition and room and board for 2010-2011 will be approximately \$40,000 for the full year. Expenses for travel to Asia, books, incidentals and pocket money will not be covered by the grants.

Grants: Two grants of \$20,000 each. Winners can apply for additional financial assistance.

Eligibility: Any U.S. student who is a non-native, non-heritage speaker of Mandarin and currently studying Mandarin at level II or above in the 10th or 11th grade.

Requirements:

- 1) All three sections of the Preliminary Chinese Proficiency Test, ordered by and administered by your teacher or other school administrator. The teacher or administrator should order the test—using the required order form—from Ms. Laurel Winston at the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL). The \$25 fee is payable to CAL and **must be included** with the order form.
- 2) Full SYA application, including the non-refundable application fee, transcript (including any standardized testing), recommendations, essays and interview.

Deadline: All materials must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2010.

PRELIMINARY CHINESE PROFICIENCY TEST ORDER FORM

Center for Applied Linguistics, Attention: Ms. Laurel Winston
4646 40th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016-1859
Phone: 202-362-0700 Fax: 202-362-3740

School Year Abroad China Merit Scholarship Applicants:

Applicants must provide the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) with the following information along with a \$25 check (made payable to the Center for Applied Linguistics). Fill out this form, then give it to your test proctor to read, sign the bottom and return to CAL, attention of Ms. Laurel Winston. The proctor can be your Chinese language teacher or other school administrator. If you have any questions, contact CAL at the above numbers. **DO NOT return this form and check to School Year Abroad.**

Name of Applicant _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Send test to:

Test Proctor's Name _____

Position/Title _____ Department _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP Code _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Purpose and use of the test:

Application for the China Merit Scholarship for School Year Abroad China. Send score to School Year Abroad; 439 South Union Street; Lawrence, MA 01843 Phone: 978-725-6828 Fax: 978-725-6833

Approximate testing date _____ Required delivery date to school _____
(No later than January 18, 2010)

Payment: Applicants must include a \$25 check made payable to the Center for Applied Linguistics. Tests cannot be mailed if the \$25 check is not included with this order form. CAL will pay delivery charges, provided this order form reaches CAL at least two weeks prior to the required delivery date indicated above. Delivery charges for rush orders will be billed to the address provided above.

Test Proctors Please Read:

You need not know Chinese, but must be willing to spend at least three hours of time and be a professor, teacher or school administrator. The Preliminary Chinese Proficiency Test requires the use of a tape recorder during testing. The tape may not be replayed for the student's convenience nor should the proctor help the student with exam answers in any way. Applicants *must* take all three sections of the exam. For your convenience, choose one day to test all SYA applicants at the same time. The test and answer sheet must be returned to CAL *no later* than January 25. Make a copy of this agreement in case you need to contact the student regarding the test.

Test Proctor's Security Agreement:

It is vital that you maintain the security of the test materials from the time you receive them until they are returned to CAL. You must agree to: (1) keep the test booklet and test tape confidential and **secure**, and (2) guarantee that none of the test booklets or tapes will be reproduced in any form. Please signify your acceptance of these terms by signing your full name below.

Signature of Test Proctor

Date

**Return this completed form and \$25.00 check to:
Laurel Winston; Center for Applied Linguistics; 4646 40th St., NW; Washington, DC 20016**