

# Delaware Summer Chinese LInCS Program

## 特拉华州中文项目理科夏令营

### Hangzhou, China · 2017

#### STUDENT APPLICATION PACKET · 学生申请

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017**

The Delaware Department of Education has received a grant from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the Wanxiang America Cooperation under President Obama's 100,000 Strong Initiative aimed at encouraging more Americans to study abroad in China. At least 30 Delaware high school students, who are currently enrolled in Chinese level 2 or higher, will be selected to participate in this competitive, four-week summer language, culture and STEM immersion initiative held in Hangzhou, China, tentatively scheduled for **July 5-August 2, 2017**. Selected students will receive a complete scholarship that will cover costs to participate in the initiative, including roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia, visa fees, housing and meals in Hangzhou, Chinese language lessons, cultural presentations and fieldtrips, presentations on Chinese clean energy solutions, STEM-related field experiences and a cultural excursion to either Beijing or Xi'an.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFYING CRITERIA

*Students must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for participation in this initiative:*

1. Students must currently be enrolled in Chinese Level II or higher in a Delaware high school and enroll in the next higher level of Chinese during the 2017-18 academic year (i.e, Chinese III, IV or AP).
2. Students must have at least a B average in the Chinese course, at least a B average in all STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) coursework, and an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Students must have missed no more than 5 days during the 2016-17 academic year at the time of application. This must be confirmed by the guidance counselor.
4. Students must be recommended by BOTH their Chinese language teacher and their school counselor.
5. Students must complete the application and have their parent/guardian sign the completed documents.
6. Students must be US citizens and 14-18 years old at the time of application.
7. Students must agree to participate in all interview, orientation, evaluation and pre and post-travel activities related to the initiative.
8. If selected, students must provide all required medical information and prove that they are physically able to travel and have no serious medical conditions which may jeopardize their health while traveling to and studying in China. Students' parents/guardians must also sign off on all health forms.

9. If selected, students and parents/guardians must agree, in writing, to abide by the students' district uniform discipline code and all program related rules and guidelines. Students and parents/guardians understand that students are held to the Delaware school districts' rules AND the Chinese rules and laws while participating in this initiative. Any indiscretions will be handled the same way as such during school and/or by local Chinese authorities (if in violation of Chinese law).
10. Upon return, students will make presentations to State and business leaders regarding their experiences in China and a particular clean energy solution they have studied. Students will also be a part of the next year's recruitment efforts by sharing their experiences with other potential students.

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The Student Application consists of the following six (6) documents:

1. Student Participant Scholarship Application
2. Scholarship Application Writing Exercise
3. Parent/Guardian Information and Signatures
4. Chinese Language Teacher Recommendation Form
5. School Counselor Recommendation Form
6. Official Transcript

Students must complete items 1 and 2 through an online application portal:

### **ONLINE DE SUMMER CHINESE LINCS APPLICATION**

*<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DELINCS17>*

Parents will need to electronically initial the application before students are able to submit. Students must provide their Chinese Language teacher and School Counselor with the appropriate recommendation forms. Guidance Counselors must also submit an official copy of the student transcript. For an application to be considered complete, all documents must be received **by FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017**. Documents 4, 5 and 6 must be submitted electronically or via regular mail to:

Li Li Lin  
[lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us)  
Chinese Immersion Instructional Specialist  
Delaware Department of Education  
401 Federal Street, Suite 2  
Dover, DE 19901

## SELECTION PROCESS

Based on initial applications and recommendations, top candidates will be selected for an interview with the program selection panel. Interviews will be scheduled at the Delaware Department of Education in Dover on one of the following tentative dates:

- Thursday, March 23, 2017—3:00-6:30 pm
- Friday, March 24, 2017—3:00-6:30 pm
- Saturday, March 25, 2017—9:00 am-4:00 pm

Students will be notified of their acceptance and scholarship award by **Friday, April 7, 2017**. Upon acceptance of the scholarship, students **must possess a valid US passport**. If a student does not have a current passport, the student must apply for one immediately. The standard time for processing the request for new passports is 4-6 weeks.

Accepted students and their parents will be required to attend two mandatory full-day pre-departure orientation sessions tentatively scheduled in Dover on the following dates:

- Saturday, May 6, 2017—9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Saturday, June 3, 2017—9:00 am-3:00 pm

Please direct any questions regarding the application or the interview and selection process to Li Li Lin at [lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:lili.lin@doe.k12.de.us) or 302.735.4175.

## CHINESE WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The above student is applying to be a part of the *2017 Delaware Summer Chinese Language Initiative for Communicating STEM (LInCS)*. Using the form below, please provide your candid and confidential assessment of this student. Your response will help determine which students receive a second-round interview.

1. How long have you taught this student?
2. Based this student's performance in your class, please check the appropriate box for each item below:

### CHINESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

	<a href="#">Novice-Mid or Lower</a>	<a href="#">Novice- High</a>	<a href="#">Intermediate- Low</a>	<a href="#">Intermediate- Mid</a>	<a href="#">Intermediate- High</a>	<a href="#">Advanced- Low or Higher</a>
Interpersonal Speaking						
Presentational Speaking						
Presentational Writing						
Interpretive Reading						
Interpretive Listening						

### PERSONAL QUALITIES

	Not Observed	Below Average	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Self-directed						
Responsible						
Curious						
Self-disciplined						
Leadership						

3. Please provide additional information in the form of a letter of recommendation that you feel the selection committee should know about this student.

### TEACHER SIGNATURE

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this recommendation form directly via email or regular mail to the Department of Education by **Friday, March 3, 2017** to:

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## COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. How long have you know this student?
2. What is the student's current GPA?
3. In which level of Chinese is this student currently enrolled? What is his/her current average?
4. In which STEM-related courses has this student enrolled or is currently enrolled? What grades did he/she receive in previously taken courses? What is/are the average(s) in currently enrolled course(s)?
5. How many days has the student missed so far during the 2015-16 school year?
6. Please provide any additional information that you feel the selection committee should know about this student.
7. Attach an official student transcript.

### COUNSELOR SIGNATURE

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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