STARTALK
A Presidential Initiative to Fund
Summer Programs in Critical Need Languages

Summer 2007 Pilot Year

Arabic and Chinese language study for 400 high school students
Professional Development opportunities for 400 teachers of Arabic and Chinese

STARTALK will award grants to existing programs that will

provide students with opportunities to develop and improve their linguistic and cultural competence in Arabic and/or Chinese
increase the number and expertise of Arabic and Chinese language teachers and to facilitate their progress toward state licensure

Eligibility for Summer 2007

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Awards will be made to organizations that demonstrate

Student Programs:
1. Evidence of success in previous years for existing summer foreign language programs
2. The capability to offer meaningful Arabic/or Chinese summer experiences for high schools students in a safe and culturally rich environment

Teacher Programs:
1. Evidence of success in previous years for existing summer institute or courses
2. Curriculum geared toward enabling Arabic and/or Chinese language teachers to gain or improve linguistic or pedagogical skills
3. Courses linked to state certification or licensure