Dear All,

We are very happy to announce that the application of our 2016 TROY-STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Program for high school students has started. It is a government initiative to encourage Americans to learn critical needed languages. This is the sixth year we offer this program. All the teachers have more than 20 years of Chinese language teaching experience in North American region. More information about this year’s program and application is as follows.

**Dates:** June 26–July 10, 2016  
**Location:** Troy University, Troy, Alabama  
**Application fee:** $50 application deposit (refundable upon graduation). Please make the check payable to Troy University STARTALK Program.  
**Application deadline:** April 30, 2016

**Application Documents that the applicants need to submit:**

- STARTALK Application form for admission which must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, and school guidance counsellor or Chinese language teacher. The application form can be accessed from the following webpage link.


- $50 application fee (refundable upon graduation), payable to Troy University STARTALK Program  
- Official School Transcript  
- Teacher/Counsellor recommendation  
- A completed essay (400 words maximum), on Why You Want to Learn Chinese
2016 TROY—STARTALK Chinese Summer Program for High School Students

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NOTICE: WHEN YOU MAIL BACK YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO US, PLEASE WRITE “TROY-STARTALK STUDENT PROGRAM” ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE.

Program Description
STARTALK is a government initiative to increase the number of Americans learning critical need languages. The STARTALK program pays tuition for high school students to learn Chinese language and culture in Troy University during the summer time.

The National Foreign Language Centre at the University of Maryland has awarded the STARTALK grant to select schools across the nation, including many key universities.

High school students (including incoming 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, as well as newly graduated high school students) learn communicative ability as well as cultural awareness from experienced native language teachers in Troy University lively, task-based classes.

One of STARTALK’s benefits is that there is no cost other than refundable $50.00 application fee.

To learn more about TROY-STARTALK program of the previous years, please click the following links:
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https://www.facebook.com/troystartalk
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=troy+startalk