



## 2018 TROY—STARTALK Chinese Summer Program for High School Students

**Dear All,**

We are very happy to announce that the application of our TROY-STARTALK 2018 Chinese Language Summer Program for high school students has started. It is a federal government initiative to encourage Americans to learn critical need languages. This is the eighth year we offer this program. All our teachers in this program have more than 25 years of Chinese language teaching experience in North American regions. More information about this year's program and application is as follows:

**Dates:** June 24-July 08, 2018  
**Location:** Troy University on Troy Campus, Troy, Alabama  
**Application deadline:** April 30, 2018  
**Application fee:** \$50  
**Please make the check payable to:** Troy University Foundation-STARTALK

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

- ✚ TROY-STARTALK 2018 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:  
<http://www.troy.edu/startalk/assets/documents/2018/2018-Application-Form-Student.pdf>
- ✚ \$50 application fee, CHECK payable to Troy University Foundation-STARTALK
- ✚ Official School Transcript
- ✚ Teacher/Counsellor recommendation
- ✚ A completed essay (400 words maximum), on Why You Want to Learn Chinese

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NOTICE: WHEN YOU MAIL BACK YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO US, PLEASE WRITE "**TROY-STARTALK 2018 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 at 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 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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's lively and task-based classes. One of TROY-STARTALK 2018's benefits is that there is no other cost than a \$50.00 application fee for this two-week long residential language learning program.

**To learn more about TROY-STARTALK programs of previous years, please link:**

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