

EHLS at a Glance

- EHLS is a professional development program that prepares heritage language speakers who are naturalized citizens for career opportunities in the federal government.
- EHLS is an 8-month program: 6 months of intensive instruction followed by 2 months of part-time study.
- Each EHLS program participant receives a scholarship that includes full tuition and a monthly stipend.
- During the 6 months of intensive study, participants attend classes full time, and may not hold a job.
- EHLS goes beyond the training provided in academic business English programs. It prepares participants for professional positions that require research, analysis, and briefing in English and the heritage language.
- EHLS prepares participants to seek employment with the federal government through work on résumés and KSA statements and hands-on practice with the online application process.



 English for Heritage
Language Speakers

**Federal Career
Development Opportunity**

**Professional Proficiency for
Nonnative Speakers of English**

For further program information
and eligibility requirements, visit

<http://www.cal.org/ehls>
<http://ehls.georgetown.edu>

For a program application, visit
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The Program

The English for Heritage Language Speakers (EHLS) program gives nonnative speakers the English language proficiency they need to succeed in government positions. EHLS also develops the professional skills and cultural awareness that promote success in the federal workplace.

Key Topics and Activities

- Professional oral communication, including presentation skills, meeting participation, and meeting facilitation
- Professional writing, including analytical reporting, summarization, and evaluation
- Technology use for communication, research, and presentation
- Federal job search preparation
- Open source research on a topic provided by a government agency

Program Details

- Full scholarship and modest living stipend provided
- Three 8-week sessions of full-time study at Georgetown University in Washington, DC
- A final 8-week session of part-time classes which can be completed remotely

Participants

Each year, the EHLS program recruits participants from different language backgrounds depending on national security priorities. In the past, EHLS participants have been native speakers of the following languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Persian Farsi
- Urdu
- Pashto

To qualify for the EHLS program, an applicant must

- Be a United States citizen
- Have a Bachelor's degree
- Have advanced professional proficiency in the heritage language
- Have high level proficiency in English
- Be willing to commit to 8 months of study (6 months full time)
- Be willing to work for the federal government for at least one year

How to Apply

The EHLS program takes place from January through August each year. The application is due in the preceding September. For application requirements and deadlines and an online application, visit www.cal.org/ehls

After the Program

Following graduation, scholarship awardees are required to work for the federal government for one year as employees of the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, or the Intelligence Community. Scholars must take the initiative to secure appropriate federal employment for themselves.

Program Partners



The Center for Language Education and Development (CLEDE) at Georgetown University provides instruction on the Georgetown campus. www.georgetown.edu



The National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides funding and policy direction for the program and scholarships for all participants. www.nsep.gov



The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) manages the EHLS program and monitors participants' progress through test administration. www.cal.org

