“From STARTALK to Flagship: ASU Chinese Language Camp” offers a 15-day intensive residential program for current 8-12th grade students in Arizona to increase their motivation and proficiency level in Chinese through a highly structured theme-based curriculum. During the 15-day program held at the ASU Tempe campus, students will receive intensive Chinese language instruction and participate in fun cultural activities. Language instruction will be delivered through group lessons, individual instruction, and peer mentoring. For cultural activities, students will have hand-on activities to learn traditional Chinese arts, crafts, calligraphy, cooking, and some martial arts. We hope that through this summer camp, high school students will see the value and fun of learning and exploring the language and culture beyond a structured classroom setting and eventually become life-long learners of Chinese language. **Prospective applicants must submit their application materials on the application checklist postmarked by Saturday, April 2, 2016. In addition, they must also email an electronic WORD version of their Application Form to chinesestartalk@asu.edu by the same date.** Qualified applicants with Chinese language background may be contacted to schedule a phone interview. Successful applicants will be notified via email by **the end of April 2016.**

**Application Checklist**

1. Application Form
2. A copy of your most recent grade report from your current school
3. Two Recommendation Forms from your teachers. One of the forms should be written by a **foreign language teacher** from whom you have taken a foreign language class. Applicants need to mail the Recommendation Forms along with other application materials.
4. Character form if applicable

**Address**

**Dr. Xia Zhang**  
**Chinese Language Summer Camp**  
**School of International Letters and Cultures**  
**Arizona State University-Tempe Campus**  
P.O. Box 870202  
Tempe, AZ 85287-0202

**Chinese Classes at ASU**

All participants are highly encouraged to take one Chinese language class in both Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 to continue their Chinese language learning. Below are some of the ASU classes in 2016-2017:

- CHI 101 First-year Chinese I (5 credits)
- CHI 102 First-year Chinese II (5 credits)
- CHI 201 Second-year Chinese I (5 credits)
- CHI 202 Second-year Chinese II (5 credits)
- CHI 110 Intensive first-year Chinese (8 credits)
- CHI 210 Intensive second-year Chinese (8 credits)

**Additional Information**

If you have any questions pertaining to the application process or the ASU Chinese Language Camp, feel free to email us at chinesestartalk@asu.edu or visit our website at https://silc.asu.edu/content/startalk-program.
APPLICATION FORM (Please TYPE)

A. Personal Information

Name _____________________ _____________________ _____________________
  Last  First  Middle

Chinese Name if Applicable (in Pinyin/characters) _____________________

Home Address _____________________ _____________________ _____________________ _____________________
  Street  Apt#  City  State  Zip Code

Date of Birth _____________________ Gender ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Cell Phone _____________________ Home Phone _____________________

E-mail Address _____________________

Cultural or ethnic background _____________________ Citizenship ☐ US  ☐ Non-US

Applicant currently lives with (check all that apply)  ☐ Mother  ☐ Father  ☐ Guardian(s)

Emergency Contact Person:  ☐ Mother  ☐ Father  ☐ Guardian(s)

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____________________

T-shirt Size (Adult):  ☐ Small  ☐ Medium  ☐ Large  ☐ XLarge

B. Family Data

Mother/Guardian

Name _____________________ _____________________ _____________________
  Last  First  Middle

Cell Phone _____________________ Work Phone _____________________

E-mail Address _____________________

Father/Guardian

Name _____________________ _____________________ _____________________
  Last  First  Middle

Cell Phone _____________________ Work Phone _____________________

E-mail Address _____________________
C. School Information and Name of Referrers

Current School District Name (If charter or private, write “charter” or “private”) ____________________

Current High School (including city name) ____________________

Grade Level in Spring 2016 ____________________

Name of Referrers: 1. ____________________ 2. ____________________

D. Write a short paragraph below explaining why you are interested in participating in this program, what you want to learn during the program, and what you hope to gain from the experience.

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E. Language Background Information

1. Native language(s): ____________________

2. Other language(s)/Chinese dialects spoken or understood well: ____________________

3. What is your family's native (most dominant) language/Chinese dialect (s)?

   Parent(s): ____________________

   Your sibling(s), if any: ____________________
4. Does anyone in your family speak Mandarin? (Circle one):  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes: Who? ___________________  
How well? ___________________

5. What language/Chinese dialect do you use the most to communicate with your parents?

__________________________________________________________________________

6. Did you visit or live in China, or Chinese-speaking countries or regions before? (Circle one)  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, how long was it? ___________________  
If yes, how old were you then? ___________________

7. Have you studied Chinese before? (Circle one)  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, where?______________________  
for how long? ___________________

textbook(s) and number of lessons covered: ___________________

grade(s): ___________________

8. If you have background in Mandarin Chinese, please assess your language skills in the following areas:

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9. Can you write any Chinese characters?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, what form do you write?  
☐ Simplified  ☐ Traditional  
Approximately how many?  
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If yes, please provide a writing sample introducing yourself and family. The writing sample should be handwritten with a maximum of 500 characters (Download the character sheet). Please be aware that this writing sample is for placement purpose, therefore make sure you write it up yourself and do not ask for help.

F. How did you find about our program?  
______________________________
G. Agreement
This application qualifies me for consideration in the “ASU Chinese Summer Language Program: From STARTALK to Flagship: 2016”. If I am accepted, I understand that this requires me to continue to study Chinese after the summer program. By signing below, I acknowledge my commitment to continue learning Chinese language either at ASU, a community college, a high school or a Chinese school. If no Chinese classes are offered in my area, I will inform the program director and work out a plan to continue learning Chinese. I also understand that I will not miss any classes, events, and activities held during the 15 day summer camp.

____________________________________  __________________________
  Applicant Signature                  Date

H. Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Name ______________________________
  Last  First  Middle

Home Address _________________________
  Street  Apt#  City  State  Zip Code

Cell Phone _________________________
  Home Phone _______________________

Work Phone _________________________
  E-mail Address _____________________

I understand the commitment involved in my child participation in the program and give my child permission and active support to attend this program.

____________________________________  _________________________
  Parent/Guardian Signature            Date
The applicant named below has applied to attend a 15-day residential summer Chinese language camp. This program is selective and supports only students who are committed to full and enthusiastic participation in the program. Your candid assessment of the applicant will assist us in making the best decision. Please complete this form, put it in a sealed envelope and write your signature across the sealed area and return it to the applicant before April 2, 2016.

Applicant’s Name ____________________________________________

Teacher’s Name & School ______________________________________

How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?
____________________________________________________________________________

Please rate the student in the following categories.

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Additional Comments: Please provide additional comments that might be useful to the selection committee. Since this is a residential program, your comment on student’s integrity, responsibility, and maturity are crucial. You are welcome to provide more information by writing a separate letter.
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Overall recommendation: [ ] Strongly recommend [ ] Recommend
[ ] Recommend with reservation [ ] Do not recommend

__________________________  __________________________
Teacher E-mail Address       Teacher Telephone Number

__________________________  __________________________
Teacher Signature            Date