

## **Eligibility and Application Requirements for Sophomore Scholars**

SYA will enroll a limited number of highly-qualified students as sophomores to all four SYA schools (China, France, Italy and Spain). The applicant best suited to join SYA as a sophomore is one who demonstrates a deep interest in both the study of language and understanding cultural differences. A strong candidate for the SYA Sophomore Scholars Program is comfortable living away from home, flexible, open-minded and resilient – in other words, ready to meet (and overcome) the inevitable challenges of studying abroad.

### **Eligibility Requirements for SYA Sophomore Scholars**

Students who wish to apply to SYA for their sophomore year must meet these requirements:

- Applicants for SYA Spain or SYA France must be enrolled in Spanish or French language level 2 or above. There is no language requirement for students applying to SYA China or SYA Italy.
- Applicants must be prepared to take Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus.
- Applicants must be 15 years of age by the day of departure.

**In addition to completing the standard components of the SYA application, applicants for the SYA Sophomore Scholars Program must also submit the following:**

- An additional recommendation from a person of influence in the applicant's life who can speak to the student's social and emotional development such as a Dean, coach or mentor.
- [Parent Statement](#) (download form and give to your parent(s)/guardian(s) to complete)
- Student interview with SYA staff in person or via video chat.
- Parent interview with SYA staff in person or via video chat.