The purpose of the Many Languages, One World Student Essay Contest and Global Youth Forum is to promote global citizenship and cultural understanding through multilingualism and the continued study of the six official languages of the United Nations – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Organized by ELS Educational Services, Inc., and the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), this event was created to bring global-minded young scholars from all over the world together to engage in dialogue about global issues and initiatives that could be carried back to their universities and institutions.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Sixty students will be selected as delegates to the 2016 Many Languages, One World Global Youth Forum and Conference where they will create plans of action related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The students will present these plans at United Nations Headquarters in New York City in July 2016. See the video on last year’s winners at ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu.

Airfare, room and meals will be provided to student winners by ELS Educational Services, Inc.

DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS IS THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2016 AT 11:59 PM EST.

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TO PARTICIPATE
The essay, not to exceed 2,000 words, should explore how multilingual ability advances global citizenship and understanding. The essay should reflect the entrant’s academic, cultural and national context. Entries must be in an official language of the United Nations – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish – that is neither your first language nor the principal language of instruction during your primary or secondary education.

TO ENTER
You must be a full-time university student and must be 18 years of age or older by 31, March 2016. You must be recommended by a faculty member or authorized representative at the university you are currently attending in order to participate.

WINNERS
Ten students in each language group will be selected as winners.

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