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**Application Form for Summer 2009**

**STARTALK Arabic Academy**

**at Penn State**

(This form may be photocopied.)

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian (with address, if different from above):  
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I will be 15 years old, or older, by June 15, 2009: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Name of my current school: \_\_\_\_\_

My year (grade) in my current school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of a teacher, counselor, or other school representative who will write a brief recommendation for you: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any languages, other than English, with which you have experience; briefly indicate whether you have studied them in school (for instance, "French, two years in high school") or have experience through other means (for instance, "My family speaks Spanish at home." or "I spent last summer with my relatives in Slovakia and learned a small amount of Slovak.").

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If you have had any prior contact with the Arabic language, please describe, and indicate your level of knowledge. NOTE: PRIOR CONTACT WITH ARABIC IS **NOT** EXPECTED FOR THE STARTALK ARABIC ACADEMY, WHICH WELCOMES BEGINNERS. WE ASK BECAUSE STUDENTS WITH SOME PRIOR CONTACT MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR HIGHER-LEVEL PENN STATE CREDITS.

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Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to Ms. Bonnie Rossman at Penn State. It can be mailed to her (see address below); faxed to her attention at 814 863-8882; or filled out, scanned, and sent as an e-mail attachment to her at [bjr19@psu.edu](mailto:bjr19@psu.edu).

In order for your application to be complete, the following items must also be sent to Ms. Rossman:

1. a letter of recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, other school representative)
2. a copy of your high school transcript
3. a brief personal statement (one to two paragraphs) describing your interest in studying Arabic at the STARTALK Arabic Academy (Send the statement on a separate piece of paper, with your name and "STARTALK Application: Personal Statement" at the top.)

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to Ms. Rossman at [bjr19@psu.edu](mailto:bjr19@psu.edu); we will arrange a time for a phone call as needed.

Address for paper-mailing:

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