My name is Andrey, I'm 21 years old. I was born in Norilsk and had been living there for 15 years, until moved to Moscow along with my parents.

I'd been attending my local elementary school before I moved, and then I went to high school of physics and mathematics №1840 in Moscow. My favourite subjects at school were languages and IT classes. Now I am studying English and German at Moscow State University. When my studies are finished, I'd like to continue with linguistic research - write articles in scientific magazines or perhaps become a professor at the university. I love surfing through masses of data and discussing my discoveries with other enthusiasts.

One of my hobbies is translating my favourite songs by English-speaking musicians into Russian. Sometimes I want to share some brilliant ideas and beautiful metaphores of the lyrics with my friends, and translation is the best way do to it. So, a translation always takes a certain amount of research - depends on the author's style. Some use playwords learnt by heart in every native English speaker, and some refer to typical features of American or British culture.

At my university, I have many lectures dwelling on peculiarities of literature translation. Attending these taught me a lot about how to detect a poetic device and where to look for its meaning in native language. But it also showed me that amount of work I do is far from being enough to make my works a masterpiece.

I know how much patience and hardwork it takes to get into details of a foreign culture imagery, but I really enjoy the challenge and result of the job done. Spending a month among interpreting enthusiasts from all over the world might sound boring for some, but for me it would be a desired experience of sharing my pieces with and learning from responses of the people who share the feel of magic of reshaping words from one language to another with me.

Being awarded an International Literature Interpreters Scholarship would give me a chance to learn and create so much.