

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDIES IN GREECE

OF THE MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

(18th Programme, 2009-2010)

The State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.) announces that it will offer up to sixty (60) scholarships to foreigners (or foreign nationals of Greek descent) from countries worldwide in order to attend courses and seminars of the Modern Greek Language and Culture.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

1. Be nationals of Asia, Africa, North and South America, Oceania and Europe.
2. Hold a graduate degree from a foreign University in Humanities, Social and Political Sciences.
3. Not exceed the fiftieth (50th) year of age (date of birth not before 1959).
4. Have a basic knowledge of the Greek language.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Applicants meeting the above requirements until the submission deadline should submit through the Greek Diplomatic Authorities the following documents:

1. An application form with one recent photograph.
2. A curriculum vitae.
3. A birth certificate.
4. A health certificate by a state hospital.
5. University Diplomas – Degrees.
6. Official certificates indicating the knowledge of Greek or English.
7. A certificate of previous employment, if any.
8. Two (2) letters of recommendation.
9. A copy of the passport.

All the above - mentioned documents must be written or translated into Greek or English or French. In addition documents numbered 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 must be officially validated by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities (The Greek Embassy or Consulate).

Applicants must submit only validated photocopies of the required documents and not the originals because these will not be returned. Incomplete, inaccurate or illegible application files will not be taken into consideration.

Applicants who are or have been scholarship holders of the I.K.Y. will be excluded from the programme.

Applications by undergraduates who have not yet obtained their University degree will not be considered.

SUBMISSION DATE

The submission deadline is **May 29, 2009**.

Applicants will be informed of the results through the Greek Diplomatic Authorities after July 2009.

DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The duration of the scholarship is eight (8) months and the scholarship is offered only for the attendance of courses and seminars of the Modern Greek Language and Culture at a Greek University.

The courses start on the 1st of October 2009 and end on the 31st of May 2010.

After the completion of the programme of studies the Greek University offers a certificate of attendance.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The scholarship covers the following:

- a. Free meals and accommodation.
- b. Tuition fees and other relevant costs.
- c. Free medical care in case of emergency.
- d. A monthly allowance of 150,00 euros (net amount) for personal expenses.
- e. 200,00 euros for initial expenses.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARS

Scholarship holders must attend regularly the courses and must participate in all activities of the programme of studies.

They must also submit to I.K.Y. a declaration (validated by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities) that they commit themselves to return to their home countries and work there for at least five (5) years; otherwise, they must pay back the total amount of the scholarship. The Greek Diplomatic Authorities are responsible for ensuring that the scholarship holders do in fact return and stay in their home countries.

Athens, March 26, 2009.