

"SUMMER SCHOOLS" 2012 - 2014

A Journey to Knowledge



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Dear Mr/Mrs Director,

The Alexander S. Onassis Foundation Cultural Center non-profit organization participates in the project entitled "The Academy of Plato: Knowledge and pioneering ideas development", which is being implemented with the collaboration of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Cultural Centre Hellenic Cosmos. A series of Summer Schools for Foreign and Greek School students will be organized within the framework of this project which is co-financed by Greece and European Union through the operational programme "Education and lifelong learning".

The Summer Schools will be offering a variety of interesting topics and will enable students to meet their peers from Greek schools and from other schools abroad. They will be able to approach and to constructively deal with various fields/ topics within the scope of the rationale of the "Academy of Plato" and to familiarize with the developments in various fields that take place in our country.

The guest students will get a taste of Greek history, literature, philosophy and culture from the ancient times until today, through contemporary and attractive methods of approaching specific topics; these include team work and workshops, visit to sites of particular cultural, archeological or architectural interest, sports, lectures offered by University and high school teachers, open discussions with museum directors, restorers of works of art, writers, theater and film directors, photographers, etc.

The pilot project was completed with great success in the summer of 2012 during which schools from France, Croatia, Kilkis and Ioannina (northern Greece) participated in the project. When the students left Athens at the end of the programme, they were all richer in knowledge, images and - what's most important- friends. Now we are happy to continue with new schools and students for the summer of 2013 and 2014.

The programme takes place twice each year and welcomes school students 15 to 18 years old. The duration of each hospitality cycle is two weeks. In total, over this three-year period, a number of 190 students from Greece and countries members of the European Union, the U.S.A., Asia and Australia will be selected and participate to the project.

Especially for the summer of 2013, seventy (70) students, of which ten (10) from Greece (apart from major urban centers), forty-five (45) from EU Member countries and fifteen (15) from U.S.A. will be selected in total.

The two cycles of the Summer Schools will take place between Monday, July 1st and Sunday, July 28th 2013 and more specifically:

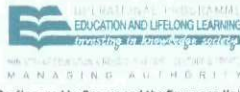
- Period A': Monday 01/07/2013 – Sunday 14/07/2013
- Period B': Monday 15/07/2013 – Sunday 28/07/2013

The students will be welcomed in Athens and, on the basis of the proposed programme of creative activities, they will visit other Greek towns or sites with a historical, cultural or tourist interest.

Each hospitality cycle has been organized as follows:

1. Students' arrival and welcoming
2. Transfer to the hosting location
3. Settle in their rooms; gathering of the students in the reception hall to be welcomed and be presented with the activities programme.

The Summer Schools programme is open to all interested students of high school level from all over the world (America, Australia and Asia) as implemented as part of the project entitled "The Academy of Plato: Knowledge and pioneering ideas development" which is co-financed by the European Union through the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens through the Operational Program "Education and lifelong learning".





4. Completion of the daily activities programme within 2 weeks. During the whole stay, the students will be transferred by bus, accompanied by their supervisor and the teacher responsible for the specific activity or visit.

Here below is an indicative programme of the students' daily activities during their stay:

- Breakfast: 9.00 – 10.00
- Morning creative activities: 10.00 – 12.30
- Lunch break: 12.30 – 14.30
- Relaxation and recreational/sport activities : 14.30 – 17.00
- Afternoon creative activities : 17.00 – 19.30
- Dinner: 19.30 – 21.30
- Relaxation and recreational activities: 21.30 – 23.00

The teaching language and the offered educational material (Audio-visual educational material, Printed educational material) will be in English.

During each of the hospitality cycles, students will be offered the following educational activities and visits:

- Educational visits to archaeological sites, museums, monuments and tours in Athens or outside, aiming at highlighting the diachronic but also the contemporary Greek reality in various activity areas.
- Sports activities: swimming/team sports, depending on the facilities of their stay.
- Leisure: preparation of a theater or musical event on a pre-selected theme and under the supervision of specialists, a themed photography competition on monuments (or another theme related to a specific visit),
- Attendance of theater, music or other entertaining events.

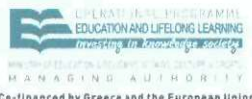
The programme covers the following expenses:

- Travel expenses for the students and their supervisor from their countries of residence to Athens and vice-versa,
- Living expenses and more especially, 13 nights per person (for each period of stay),
- Board expenses: three (3) meals per day,
- Transfer and visit to the sites stated in the educational programme in Greece, tickets for museums and archeological sites, etc...

In the framework of the above mentioned programme and in order to timely organize the summer school sessions for the summer 2012, we kindly ask you to select ten (15) students and one (1) supervisor that will participate in the **cycle B'** of the summer schools in Greece. The selection criteria are left to your own discretion; however, all participating students must fulfill the following requirements:

- The students must be from 15 to 18 years old and must have completed their respective classes.
- The students must certify sufficient knowledge of English.
- The escorting teacher must have a very good or fluent knowledge of English.
- The students must have completed their school obligations in all the courses of their educational programme and they must have been admitted to the next class level.

The Summer Schools programme is covered by Greek students' grants of European financial institutions and other countries (America, Australia, etc.). It is implemented as part of the project "Road to the Future: Knowledge and Learning for a Better World", co-financed by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme through the Summer Schools in Greece (Education and Learning Learning).



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- The total number of the selected pupils must not overcome fifteen (15) students.

The School Director is entirely responsible for the approval of the parents or tutors regarding the participation of the students to the programme and they are bound to provide all the required certificates.

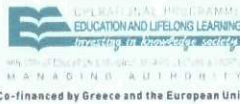
The application forms for the participants and the supervisor interested are attached in the form of Annex.

For further information, the interested candidates can contact Mrs Maria Pagoni, tel. number 210 3713020.

Yours sincerely,

Tsiotsiou Efi
Responsible for Summer Schools

The "Summer Schools" programme addressed to Greek students (students of European countries) is organized in Athens, Australia and Asia. It is implemented as part of the project "Road to Knowledge and Competence Development", which is cofinanced by the European Union (European Social Fund) and realized through the Operational Program "Education and Training 2007-2013".



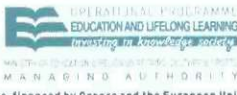


APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE “SUMMER SCHOOL” PROJECT

The students who wish to participate to Summer Schools are asked to fill out the following application form.

First Name :				Family Name:		
Home address:						
Date of birth	Year:	<input type="text"/>	Month:	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Phone Number:				E-mail address:		
Parents' Number:	Phone				E-mail address:	
Computer Knowledge						
Foreign Languages Knowledge and Diplomas :						
Extracurricular Activities:						
Countries visited:						
Preferred lesson(s):						
Reasons for applying to the Summer Schools:						
Which are your career goals?						

The "Summer Schools" program is addressed to Greek students, holders of European classical culture and diploma in America, Australia and Asia. It is implemented as part of the project "Academy of Plans, Knowledge and Learning - (eas) (e-learning)" which is cofinanced by the European Union (European Social Fund) and national funds through the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning".





APPLICATION FORM FOR THE TEACHER ESCORTING THE STUDENTS

The teachers who wish to escort and supervise the high-school students selected for participation in the Summer Schools in the framework of the "Summer Schools for Foreign High school Students" are asked to fill out the following application form and to submit it with a **short CV** to the High-School Director.

First Name:				Family Name:		
Home Address:						
Date of birth	Year:	<input type="text"/>	Month:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone number:				E-mail address:		
Computer knowledge						
Foreign languages:						
Reasons for applying to the Summer Schools:						
Have you participated to a Summer School before?						

The "Summer Schools" program is addressed to high school students of European (initially 23) and other countries (Australia and Asia). It is implemented as part of the project "Academy of Knowledge and Learning: Developing the 21st Century" cofinanced by the European Union (European Social Fund) and Greece (Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Vocational Training) through the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning".

