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CALL FOR APPLICANTS

**SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO NON-GREEK NATIONALS
TO ATTEND COURSES AND SEMINARS IN GREECE
IN THE MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
(24th Programme, 2017-2018)**

The State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.) announces that it will offer up to fifty (50) scholarships to foreign nationals (non-Greek Nationals or non-Greek Nationals of Greek descent) from countries worldwide in order to attend courses and seminars in the Modern Greek language and culture.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

1. Be nationals of any country of the world excluding Greece (not with dual nationality – both foreign and Greek).
2. Hold a graduate degree from a non-Greek University outside Greece.
3. Not exceed the fortieth (40th) year of age until the 01/01/2017.
4. Be **not permanent residents in Greece**.
5. The knowledge acquired during this specific course should contribute to the candidates work opportunities and promote the Greek language and culture worldwide.

Applicants must meet the above requirements by the application deadline.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

1. An application form, duly completed, signed and with one recent photograph attached.
2. An up-to-date curriculum vitae (in English or Greek language).
3. Certified copies of University Diplomas – Degrees.
4. Certificates indicating the knowledge of Greek (if any) or English or French language.
5. Two (2) letters of reference (in Greek, English or French only) by a University Professor.

6. A written evidence of employment as a teacher of Greek, if any.
7. A recent (issued 1 month approximately prior to the application submission) health certificate by a national hospital or from the relevant recognized health service stating that the applicant does not suffer from any infectious diseases.
8. A copy of a valid passport / national identity card (where applicable).

The above original documentation requested shall be submitted through the Greek Diplomatic Authorities whereas at the I.K.Y. shall be sent via our e-mail: foreigners@iky.gr.

Candidates that are in Greece just before the submission deadline are required to contact their Diplomatic Authorities in Greece.

Application forms are available from the Greek Diplomatic Mission or the I.K.Y. or as downloaded copy from the I.K.Y website at: www.iky.gr

No other application forms are admissible.

If the documentation is not in English, French or Greek a certified translation (by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities abroad) into Greek, English or French must be supplied.

In addition, documents numbered 3, 4, 7, and 8 should bear the Apostille or be certified by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities (the Embassy or Consulate) in cases where the candidate's state of origin is not a member of the Hague Convention (Apostille) of 5 October 1961 abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents.

Applicants must submit only certified copies of the original documents, as these will not be returned.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Incomplete, inaccurate or illegible application files will not be taken into consideration.
- Applicants who are or have been on a scholarship by the I.K.Y. will be excluded from the programme.
- Candidates under legal prosecution will be excluded from the selection process.
- Applications by undergraduates who have not yet obtained their University degree will not be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The **application deadline is 11/09/2017**. The original documentation shall have a postal seal by this date.

Full application files due to be sent by e-mail are to be sent by this date as well.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome on IKY website: www.iky.gr

DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The duration of this scholarship is **no less than eight (8) months** and is only offered for a

specific course in the Modern Greek language and culture organised mainly at one of the following Greek Universities: Athens University, Thessaloniki University, Ioannina University, Crete University. The University, which will hold this course, will be decided by the I.K.Y after the selection process.

START DATE

The courses will start on October 2017 and will end on May 2018.

On successful completion of the study programme, the Greek University will provide students with a certificate of attendance. This certificate will not be awarded, should the scholarship holder be not present and active participant in the courses during the whole period.

COURSE OVERVIEW

a. Greek Language

This programme offers learning opportunities at beginner, intermediate (or upper intermediate) and advanced levels following a placement test and subject to sufficient student numbers.

b. History and Culture

Beneficiaries will be introduced to Greek History, Culture and Arts through seminars, educational visits to the sites of the city of study and excursions to the most historic sites of Greece.

c. Social Programme

Social events are included in the course where an active participation is required.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The scholarship covers the following costs:

- a. Free meals and accommodation (in University residence or in purpose-built flats provided by the University which will undertake the programme).
- b. Tuition fees and other relevant costs.
- c. Free emergency medical treatment under the Greek National Health Service (only in public hospitals). European citizens should have the European Insurance Illness Card from their insurance agency of their country.
- d. A monthly allowance of 150,00€ (net amount) for personal expenses.
- e. 200,00€ for initial expenses.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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