

Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada
Summer School in Kalamata for Youth of Hellenic Descent and
Teachers (2023)
Sunday, July 9 (4:30 p.m.) to Friday, August 4 (7:00 p.m.)

Announcement

The Department of Humanities and Cultural Studies of the University of Peloponnese in Kalamata, the Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada, the Prefecture of Peloponnese, various Messinian municipalities, and many individuals and organizations in the Diaspora, organize for the fifteenth time a Greek summer school in Kalamata, from Sunday, July 9, to Friday, August 4, 2023. The school curriculum includes: Greek language, history, philosophy, culture and civilization. The program also includes educational excursions to archaeological sites, as well as to various museums and places of interest.

The purpose of the program is to enhance the Hellenic education and reinforce the Greek consciousness of our youth by providing an immersion experience in contemporary Greek culture in its native environment.

Eligibility: Applicants for the Summer School program in Kalamata are eligible for the program if:

- They are between 18 and 24 years old (born between 1999 and 2005)
(Students must be 18 years old by July 9, 2023)
- They are of Greek origin
- They are university or college students/graduates
- They have some ability to understand and communicate in the Greek language

Students who participated in the program previously (2006 to 2019) are **not** eligible to apply in 2023. Priority will be given to students of Messinian descent. (Note: In all previous years all students who applied for the program, whether they were of Messinian descent or not, were accepted).

Note to teachers: Instruction in this Summer School Program is provided by University of Peloponnese professors. Greek language teachers who participate in the program, in addition to being Teaching Assistants and chaperons to the students, will also attend special seminars in teaching Greek as a second language, if the number of teachers is adequate. Please be informed that teachers are required to go with the students on a number of physically rigorous trips.

Classes are between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the lecture theatre of the University of Peloponnese in Kalamata. The program includes visits to archaeological sites and museums and activities outside the classroom in the afternoons and/or on Saturdays.

Attendance in the Summer School program (including all excursions), accommodation, breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee for all participants. Participants are responsible for

their own air fare, their travel health insurance and for the payment of the application and registration fees as described below (no 7 and 8 of supporting documents). Students will be picked up from Syntagma Square, in front of the National Guard, on July 9th and dropped off at the Acropolis entrance, at the parking lot by Dionysos Zonars Restaurant, on August 4th.

Supporting Documents (Application)

Please submit the following with your completed application:

1. **A copy of your valid passport (the page with your picture)**
2. **A copy of your valid student ID (College or University) or proof of recent graduation of a College or University or a letter of University or College acceptance for August/September 2023.**
3. **Completed Health Form (to be used in case of an emergency) and Travel Health Insurance (please do not purchase insurance before being accepted to the program)**
4. **The Waiver Release Form signed**
5. **The Code of Conduct signed**
6. **A brief Letter of Reference (from a non-family member, preferably a member of an educational institution, outlining the character and personality of the applicant, the ability to understand and communicate in the Greek language and how the student will benefit from the Summer School Program)**
7. **A copy of a Certified Cheque or Money Order payable to the Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada for \$250.00 USD. This Application Fee will be fully refunded only if the application is rejected. The fee is not refunded if the applicant is accepted but decides not to go**
8. **A copy of a Certified Cheque or Money Order payable to the Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada for \$1,000.00 USD within 5 days from the applicant's acceptance to the program. This Registration Fee is not refundable****

***The Certified Cheque/Money Order must be mailed to the Treasurer's address below and received no later than May 1st for your application to be processed.**

****The Certified Cheque/Money Order must be mailed to the Treasurer's address below and received no later than May 12th for your participation to be formally confirmed.**

**Panmessinian Federation of USA & Canada
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The application and registration fees (certified cheque or money order) should be payable to "Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada"

USA applicants should be informed that the Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada is a **Registered Charity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

Donations above the application and registration fees are more than welcome and will be used to support the program.

The Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada does not provide scholarships for its Summer School Program but applicants in financial need are welcome to contact their sponsoring Messinian associations to investigate the possibility for need based financial assistance.

The completed application form and all supporting documents must be emailed by *Monday, May 1st, 2023* to: kalamatasummerschool@gmail.com.

Applicants will be notified about their acceptance by Monday, May 8, 2023.

Please do not make any trip arrangements to Greece before being accepted to the program by the Panmessinian Federation of USA and Canada.

For applications or for more information about the program you can also visit our website www.panmessinian.com or contact:

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Gina Chreppas (Applications Coordinator at: kalamatasummerschool@gmail.com; Toronto)

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It is hoped that the Summer School Program will help us maintain and transmit the vitality of Hellenism and the richness of Greek civilization to future generations of Hellenes in the Diaspora.

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