

Chautauqua

2010

Scholarship Program

June 26 – July 23, 2010

What is the Chautauqua Scholarship Program?

It is a 4-week adventure designed to strengthen your faith, build your confidence as a Christian, and increase your leadership skills. It introduces you to people from other parts of the world . You will hear well-known ministers from many Christian faiths, top lecturers from a range of academic disciplines, attend small group talks, enjoy concerts of all kinds and participate in special studies classes of your choice. There is time for recreation, building friendships, community, and play.

All this takes place in the beautiful setting of the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York.

Who is eligible to attend?

Any Christian between 19 and 25 years of age, who has at least 2 years of college or university (or equivalent work experience) and who has an interest in learning and the arts, is welcome to apply.

What are the selection criteria?

The following attributes help in the selection process and are based upon what Chautauqua offers:

Christian beliefs and practice: The practice of religion, traditionally the foundation of all other activities at Chautauqua, is reaffirmed at the Sunday morning church services, Sunday evening Sacred Song services, Tuesday denominational house gatherings, morning devotions Monday through Friday in our chapel and morning worship in the amphitheater. People from all faiths and at all stages of their faith journeys worship at Chautauqua.

An inquiring mind: All sides of public questions are open to discussion on the Chautauqua platform and tolerance of differing viewpoints is practiced as part of Chautauqua's tradition. Chautauqua believes that "education ends only with life".

Energy and enthusiasm: Worship, lectures, classes, concerts and other entertainment run from early morning to late in the evening. The wide range of tastes among Chautauquans has encouraged the program department to provide great variety while holding to its “best talent” tradition.

An appreciation of the Arts: Every day is full of opportunities to enjoy symphony concerts, artists’ recitals, operas, plays, art exhibits and dance programs.

Respect and responsibility: We welcome and appreciate students of any race, color, or national/ ethnic origin and who are of good character. Sharing living areas with others from varied backgrounds requires that you respect differences and accept responsibility for household tasks.

What does a typical class look like?

Recent classes have numbered from 10 to 16 students who come from all over the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Egypt, Mexico, Hungary, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Students come from a range of Christian faith groups and are at different places along their faith journey. Many, but not all, have a strong interest in music.

What is the Chautauqua Institution? (see www.ciweb.org)

The Chautauqua Institution was the creation of two visionaries, Lewis Miller and John Heyl Vincent , who established a summer school assembly to train Sunday school teachers in the 1870s. Today, it is a 225-acre gated community, which operates a rich and varied program during a nine-week summer season. It has a village atmosphere with beautiful summer houses, many gardens, an outdoor amphitheater, lecture halls, theatres, and ample recreation facilities.

The Chautauqua Institution is located on Lake Chautauqua in the southwestern corner of New York State, easily accessible via Interstate 90, New York Route 394, and the Southern Tier Expressway (Route 86/17). It is served by 2 airports.

What does a Chautauqua Scholarship cover?

A shared room, board, all gate fees, Special Studies classes, entertainment including a theater/opera performance, outings, and other special events are included. Transportation to and from Chautauqua for North American students is not included.

What are the housing and meal plans for this program?

See www.iokds.org for pictures of the houses and chapel. In the houses, bedrooms and shared bathrooms are on the second and third floors. Kitchen, living and dining areas are on the first floor.

Along with a Resident Advisor who is responsible for organizing and managing each household, you will live at either Florence Hall or Bonnie Hall.

In addition, the Order owns Benedict House, home to the International Headquarters, Memorial Museum and Margaret Bottome Memorial Room and the Ida A. Vanderbeck Chapel and the Ethel Rebecca Holt Fellowship Hall on the Chapel's lower level which is used for meals and meetings.

Three meals per day and snacks are included in the scholarship. Breakfast is self-serve in the houses and the class meets for dinner most evenings in Fellowship Hall. Special events on and off the grounds such as class dinners, picnics, barbecues, dining out and pizza parties offer variety to the weekly meal schedule.

What does a typical day look like?

Week 1 includes orientation days and Week 4 includes several special closing events including Order Night. Weeks 2 and 3 provide time to enjoy Chautauqua and special interest classes.

Chapel 8:30 am. Monday to Friday, devotions for students and staff are lead by the students in the Ida A. Vanderbeck Chapel. This is an informal, personal time for class worship.

Morning Worship 9:15 am. Monday to Friday. Chautauquans gather in the amphitheater Monday through Friday, for worship. The 45-minute service consists of hymn singing, scripture reading and a sermon by the chaplain of the week. You will have the opportunity to take part in this service by reading the scripture during morning worship.

Lectures 10:45 am -11:45 am. Monday to Friday. Chautauqua is platform for some of the latest thinking in politics, economics, international relations, literature, science and religion by world-renowned speakers. The optional afternoon lecture at 2:00 p.m. in the Hall of Philosophy offers you the opportunity to hear noted teachers and preachers and to enter into dialogue with them.

Special Studies Classes More than 400 non-credit classes are offered during the season. During Weeks 2 and 3, you will be encouraged to select from a wide variety of classes in art, business and finance, computer, dance, education, foreign language, games and recreation, handcrafts and hobbies, health and fitness, literature and writing, music, personal and professional development, religion and philosophy.

Amphitheater Performances 8:15 p.m. You will have the opportunity to hear and see the symphony, ballet, or popular performers.

How much free time will I have at Chautauqua?

Your morning will be filled with chapel, worship, the lecture and/or classes. You may schedule a class in the afternoon as well, or participate in recreational activities, or attend a lecture or just enjoy some quiet time near the lake. The College Club offers entertainment and Internet access. To make the most of these opportunities, you should come prepared for active participation in the program but you will have free time as well.

May I choose classes from the Special Studies catalog?

Yes, almost every course offered on the Institution grounds is available to you. \$250 of your scholarship is reserved for Special Studies classes and \$25 for materials. After you have used the allotted amount, any additional courses are at your own expense. You will be asked to select a minimum of one class per week for Weeks 2 and 3 only. The classes are for personal enrichment and offer a supportive learning environment with students of all ages and skills.

Expectations of Scholarship Students

You are expected to:

- attend class activities (class meetings, outings, Order Night rehearsals, etc.)
- participate in orientation activities in Week 1 & in the closing activities in Week 4
- assist in carrying out, organizing and supporting class activities.
- promote the Chautauqua community's understanding of the Scholarship program.
- abide by the rules of the program concerning travel off the grounds, smoking and the use of alcohol.
- Attend Sunday morning services in the denomination houses and in the Amphitheatre.

What are the consequences if I do not meet program expectations?

Your signature on the scholarship application signifies your willingness to abide by the responsibilities and regulations of the program. Failure to do so will result in your immediate dismissal. Your parents and the Branch President will be notified. Any additional travel expense, incurred as a result of your dismissal, will be at your own expense.

How is Chautauqua different from my home?

Our houses are not air-conditioned and summers can be hot and humid. Days are sunny but evenings can be cool enough for a sweater or jacket and a rain shower is not uncommon. All rooms are equipped with fans for warm evenings.

None of our properties have televisions. Chautauqua has a quiet serene atmosphere free from loud blaring noises. After 11 pm, Chautauquans observe quiet out of respect to others.

We do not provide computers for students use in the houses. The Smith Library, the College Club, and Bonnie Hall are equipped with computers and Internet access for your use.

What is required of me after the scholarship program ends?

You are expected to send a written report to the IOKDS Branch representative who sponsored your application.

How does the application process work?

There are 3 stages – the interview, the full application, and an interview with the Chautauqua Department Director. The application process must be fully completed by March 1.

Application Process Checklist for Applicants

- I have been given a copy of this booklet to keep.
- I have contact information for the IOKDS Branch representatives who are sponsoring this application.
- I have had an interview with an IOKDS Branch representative.
- I have looked at the slides on the website.
- I have visited the websites listed in this brochure.
- I have a letter of recommendation from my sponsoring IOKDS Branch.
- I have received and completed the full application form.
- I have a letter of recommendation from my pastor.
- I have sent a copy of my completed application to the sponsoring IOKDS Branch and to the Director, Chautauqua Department.
- I have had a telephone interview with the Director, Chautauqua Department. (American/Canadian students only)
- I have received the decision on my application (around April 1)

Use this space to record your notes and reminders