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The **CHAUTAUQUA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL GROWTH** is a four-week seminar designed for young adults (ages 18-25) to develop as individuals and leaders at historic Chautauqua Institution. The program fosters

- individual growth—exploring self-awareness & personal strengths to develop in confidence & faith
- compassionate leadership—maturing in empathy, understanding, and empowerment
- positive change—making a difference in the community and the world.

Chautauqua (CHQ) Scholars travel to the program from different parts of the planet, offering excellent opportunities to develop friendships and learn from each other. In addition to a daily class devoted to personal growth, Scholars enroll in special interest courses, selecting from a wide range of options—over 300 offerings—as suited to individual interests and needs. Participants hear from well-known faith leaders and from top scholars on a wide range of subjects. They enjoy the richness of the arts—concerts of all kinds, plays, operas, art shows, and dance performances—all on the Chautauqua grounds. There is also time for recreation, reflection, and relaxation.

In short, the program utilizes the unique opportunities of Chautauqua Institution, together with daily sessions of exploration and discussion, that help to develop the fullness of each participant—mind, spirit, heart, and body.

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

Since its founding in 1874, Chautauqua has been a place for people of all ages to learn, reflect, and grow. This 225-acre gated community operates a rich and varied program during a nine-week summer season. It has a village atmosphere with beautiful summer houses, an outdoor amphitheater, lecture halls, theatres, gardens, and ample recreation facilities. Besides being a place of education and the arts, the Chautauqua Institution is also something of a resort, complete with beaches, boating, biking, tennis and volleyball courts, sports fields, and other recreational 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 two airports (Jamestown and Buffalo).

What is history of the Chautauqua Scholarship Program?

The International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, a Christian service organization, has sponsored over 2,200 Scholars at Chautauqua since 1920. For nearly a century, IOKDS has helped young people integrate personal development and leadership abilities in a holistic way, honoring diversity and contributing to the greater good by valuing the potential and fullness of every human being.

What are the selection criteria?

The following attributes—based upon the nature of the CHQ Experience—are considered in the selection process:

- ***Christian Beliefs.*** 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, and morning worship in the amphitheater. People from all faiths and from all stages of their faith journey 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 fosters continuing education throughout life.
- ***Energy and Enthusiasm to Learn & Grow.*** Worship services, lectures, classes, concerts and other entertainment run from early morning through the evening. The diversity of people at Chautauqua has led to a variety of programming, attracting the "best talent" in their respective fields.
- ***Appreciation of the Arts:*** Every day is full of opportunities to enjoy symphony concerts, chamber music concerts, recitals, operas, plays, art exhibits and dance programs.

What does a typical class look like?

Recent classes have numbered from 12 to 15 students who come from all over the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Egypt, Mexico, Hungary, Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon and the United Kingdom. Scholars come from a range of Christian faith groups and are at different places along their faith journey.

What does the Chautauqua Scholarship cover?

A shared room, meals, gate fees, Special Studies classes, arts performances, special outings (one usually being a visit to Niagara Falls), and other events are all included. Transportation to and from both the Buffalo Airport and the Jamestown Airport is provided.

What are the housing and meal plans for this program?

See www.iokds.org/csp.html 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, Scholars live at either Florence Hall or Bonnie Hall.

In addition, the Order owns Benedict House, home to the International Headquarters and the Memorial Museum. The Ida A. Vanderbeck Chapel and the Ethel Rebecca Holt Fellowship Hall (on the Chapel's lower level) are used for meals and meetings.

Three meals per day and snacks are provided. Breakfast and lunch are self-serve in the houses, and the class meets for dinner in the evenings. Special events on and off the grounds—such as class dinners, picnics, barbecues, and pizza parties—offer variety to the weekly meal schedule.

What does a typical week look like?

Week 1 is filled with getting oriented to the Institution and the CHQ Scholarship Program, as well as getting to know the other Scholars and staff members. Weeks 2 and 3 provide time to enroll in Special Studies courses and other activities offered on the grounds. Week 4 includes several special closing events for the program.

What does a typical day look like?

This varies from person to person, depending in part on individual courses and interests, but CHQ Scholars generally participate in:

- **Morning Worship at 9:15 am** takes place in the amphitheater (The Amp) on Mondays through Fridays. This 45-minute service includes a sermon by the Chaplain of the Week. Scholars have the opportunity to participate in this service by reading the scripture during morning worship, if they wish.
- **Lectures** sponsored by the Chautauqua Education Department and the Chautauqua Department of Religion take place Monday through Friday. Chautauqua is the setting for some of the latest thinking in politics, economics,

international relations, literature, science, technology, and religion by world-renowned speakers. Most programming at Chautauqua is based on a weekly theme. The morning lectures are held in the Amp from 10:45 am until noon and are sponsored by the Department of Education. The Hall of Philosophy is the setting for the 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm lecture sponsored by the Department of Religion. This lecture offers the opportunity not only to hear noted teachers, ministers, and authors, but because of a more intimate setting, to enter into dialogue.

- **CHQ Scholar seminar classes meet an hour before dinner** where Scholars develop in personal growth and compassionate leadership and reflect upon the day's events.
- **Amphitheater Performances begin at 8:15 pm** where you will have the opportunity to enjoy the resident symphony orchestra, ballet company, and popular performers with national and world prominence.

How much free time will I have at Chautauqua?

Weeks 1 and 4 are quite filled with program activities. During Weeks 2 and 3, the Scholar has a hand in creating his or her own schedule based on Special Studies Classes selected. You should come prepared for active participation in the program, but you will also have free time for reflection, relaxation, and recreation.

What classes may I choose from the Special Studies Catalog?

More than 300 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 fields such as art, business and finance, technology, dance, music, education, foreign language, games and recreation, handcrafts and hobbies, health and fitness, literature and writing, personal and professional development, religion and philosophy. \$250 of your scholarship is reserved for Special Studies classes and materials. After you have used the allotted amount, additional courses may be taken at your own expense. You will be asked to select a minimum of one class per week for Weeks 2 and 3 only. These classes are for personal enrichment and offer a supportive learning environment with students of all ages and skills. Only classes being held on the grounds may be selected.

Expectations of Scholars

You are expected to:

- attend and participate fully in all class activities during the 4-week program. This includes worship services, seminar classes, special projects, and class meals.
- promote the Chautauqua community's understanding of the Chautauqua Scholarship Program and IOKDS
- abide by the rules of the program concerning travel off the grounds, smoking and the use of alcohol

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 your sponsor will be notified. Any additional travel expenses 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.

Chautauqua is a “walking community.” Bicycles are available, but in general, everyone walks to and from classes, services, lectures, events, etc.

Our properties do not have televisions. Chautauqua has a quiet, serene atmosphere free from loud noises. After 11 pm, Chautauquans observe quiet out of respect for others.

Our houses are equipped with computers and wireless Internet access for your use. The map of the Grounds indicates free Hot Spot areas.

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. (If your sponsor is not connected with an IOKDS Branch, the written report should be sent to the person/organization that sponsored you.) It is hoped that you will continue your membership in IOKDS and help encourage other young adults to get involved in this program. It is hoped that you will become more involved in your community by LENDING A HAND. And it is hoped you will stay connected with other Scholars via social media and learn how these 4 weeks have impacted each of your lives.

How does the application process work?

There are 2 stages: (1) the application and (2) the phone interview with the Chautauqua Department Director. (The phone interview is required of North American applicants only.) The application must be submitted by March 15, 2019. Applicants should be notified of their status by April 15th.

Application Process Checklist for Applicants

- I have contact information for the person who is sponsoring this application.
- I have visited the website listed in this brochure.
- I have received and completed the full application form.
- I have a letter of recommendation from my pastor and one from a teacher/ professor or family friend.
- I have sent a copy of my completed application to the person sponsoring me and to the Director of the Chautauqua Department.
- I have had a telephone interview with the Director of the Chautauqua Department.
- I have received the decision on my application (around April 15).

What is the background of the Program Director?

Roger Barrows has taught humanities at Valencia College in Orlando, Florida, for over 20 years. He served as Director of the Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program for 5 years and as Director of the Center for International Studies Magnet Program for 11 years in a local high school. Roger has studied and traveled widely, including three times as a Fulbright Scholar—in Canada & Mexico, Thailand & Vietnam, and Japan. He was himself a Chautauqua Scholar and returned multiple summers to serve as Resident Advisor. He can be reached at directorCHQscholars@gmail.com.