

FAITH Endowment Announces Summer 2016 Financial Aid Travel Grants to Ionian Village

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Continuing for the tenth consecutive year, “FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism” will once again sponsor a series of financial aid travel grants this summer to campers participating in the Ionian Village Summer Camp program. FAITH provides full and partial scholarships to those participants who qualify.

The travel grants are primarily need-based financial aid; however, each applicant’s academic performance will also be weighed into the evaluation review process. Priority is given to high school seniors.

Ionian Village participants will travel across Greece visiting significant sites of Greek history and culture. At the end of each program, the campers return home with strengthened faith, lifelong friendships and an expanded appreciation for the Orthodox Church and Greek culture.

Mrs. Elaine Jaharis, a Founder of the FAITH Endowment, Ionian Village Alumna and Chair of the Committee spoke on behalf of the Founders, “We (the Founders of FAITH) are proud to support young people wishing to participate in Ionian Village. The Camp provides a truly transformative and enriching experience for intellectual and spiritual growth and life-long friendships as these young people connect to their Hellenic roots. For over 40 years, Ionian Village has been, and still is, the premiere program for young Greek Americans to understand their Hellenic heritage and identity, and we are very pleased to offer this financial aid opportunity through our program.”

In 2015, FAITH underwrote 63 full and partial financial aid travel grants for young people to attend the Ionian Village Summer Camp. Eva T., who received a 2015 FAITH Travel Grant to Ionian Village, recalled her experience as a camper, “There are absolutely no words to express my sincere gratitude towards FAITH. I learned so much about our rich and beautiful motherland, the others around me, myself and our Orthodox Faith.”

Each year, FAITH also funds a series of several scholarship programs including many merit-based scholarships for the FAITH Scholarships for Academic Excellence program to high school students graduating from public, parochial and private high schools across the country.

FAITH – Ionian Village Travel Grant applications are NOW available for participants of Session One and Session Two, ages 16-18: www.thefaithendowment.org. Completed applications must be received by February 5, 2016.

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs for young people that promote an understanding of the Orthodox faith, Hellenism, and the relationship of the two to America’s history and multicultural landscape. For more information, please call: 212-644-6960.