

The scholarship covers the whole cost of the participation in the program of Saint Petersburg Summer school, that is:

- visa support (if necessary and provided there are cultural relationships between the Russian Federation and your country)
- Travel expenses from major cities of your country to Saint Petersburg and back **ONLY** on July, 2 (there) and July, 22 (back) (air tickets of economic class, railway or bus tickets – chosen by the Organizer)
- transfer from the airport, coach or railway station and back provided you arrive and leave on the official dates of the arrival and departure of the festival participants
- studying according to the program (in Russian and English **ONLY**)
- - accommodation for 17 nights (July, 2-19) – a tourist-class hotel, twin-bedded room)
- two meals a day (breakfast at the hotel, and lunch at a café – lunch only during weekdays), dinner you organize yourself
- excursions according to the program
- tickets for the concerts of the Festival
- a trip to Novgorod the Great (a concert, excursions and lunch)
- a morning transfer from the hotel to the place of studying
- a trip to Valaam on July, 27-30, accommodation onboard (2-3-4-person cabins, fullboard) (accommodation onboard according to the decision of the Organizer).

The dates of the Academy

Arrival – July, 2. Departure – July, 22

The festival period – July, 3-22

The Application Form

In the application form you will get, you must fill in all the boxes fulfilling all the indicated requirements. The forms not filled completely or properly are not considered.

We request you to send us the form in MS Word format.

Necessary Documents

For your application to be considered the following documents must be enclosed:

- A properly filled-in application form
- A scanned copy of the passport (for the citizens of Russia – of the internal Russian passport) – the picture-data and registration pages.
- A scanned copy of your diploma(s)
- A scanned photo
- A motivational letter (in MS Word format)
- A CV (in MS Word format)
- An autobiography (in MS Word format)
- A language certificate (if English or Russian are not your native languages)
- References (optionally)

An incomplete document packet is not taken into consideration of the Committee!

The hotel

All the students without exception stay at one and the same hotel. The hotel is chosen and booked by the Organizer. If you want to move to another hotel, you can do it by yourself and at your own expense (the Organizer will not compensate for your expenses in case of your refusal

to stay at the proposed hotel). In this case you do not get the transfer to the place of studying, and will have to get there on your own.

The hotel's check-in is 14.00 (Moscow time) on July, 2, 2012. If you come to the hotel before 14.00, you can stay at the lobby till the check-in time.

Check-in is possible only in the presence of the administrator or coordinator of the Summer School.

The check-out is in the morning of July, 19, 2012, before the classes. You are kindly requested to get on the bus on the day of your trip to Valaam with all your luggage. On this day during your classes your belongings can be left in the bus. After the classes the bus is going to the River boat station.

The Organizing Committee accommodates the participants of the festival in twin-bedded rooms.

If you have expressed the wish to be accommodated with another participant or an accompanying person, the manager will do his or her best to put you on the room together.

We will not be able to change the accommodation list after your arrival. You exchange the rooms with other students by yourself, but in this case the administrators will not be able to get in contact with you with some new information.

Onboard the steamboat you will be staying in 2- or 4-person cabins. The accommodation placement list will be made in advance. You can exchange places among yourselves without the assistance of the school administrators or the boat crew.

The detailed information about the hotel will be published on our website later.

Magnet cards

At the check-in you will be given a magnet card for passing the turnpike at the entrance to the hotel. You are required to return the card to the administrator in the morning at the check-out, before getting on the bus. The fine for a lost card is 100 roubles.

A cultural visa

The Organizing committee of the Festival can send you a cultural invitation only provided there are cultural relationships between our countries. In case the embassy or consulate refuses to issue a visa, you can apply for a tourist visa at your expense. Medical insurance in both cases is OBLIGATORY. It must be provided by the participant at his/her expense.

For the Committee to be able to send you the cultural invitation, the following exact information is needed: First Name, Surname, full address, the date and place of birth, the date of the passport issue and expiry date, passport number, your sex, citizenship and at the embassy/consulate of which city you are going to apply for a visa, as well as a scanned copy of the first page of your passport.

The Organizing committee sends you an invitation for a cultural visa from your country to Russia. If you need a transit visa, it is your responsibility to obtain it.

The Committee sends you the invitation by e-mail, you will need to print it on the colour printer. If the Embassy/Consulate requires the original, inform us and we will send it to you by mail. After you get your visa, you will need to send us a scanned copy to our e-mail address.

Tickets

Please, do not buy tickets yourselves, as we will not be able to refund you the cost of the tickets bought. Our managers will organize your trip within the set limits (see paragraph on the scholarship-covered expenses).

Please, remember that we can buy your tickets only for the dates of the official arrival and departure of all the participants, that is July, 2 and July, 22, 2012, respectively.

We buy only return tickets. It is impossible to arrive in Saint Petersburg from one city and depart to another.

After the Committee sends you your air/railway/bus tickets (if it is impossible to book electronic ones), we will send you a letter, where the address to which the tickets were sent will be indicated.

The travel expenses are covered only from the major cities of your country, where you have to get by yourself. The cost of local transfers there is not refunded.

The Day of the Arrival

On the arrival date – July, 2 you will be met and checked at the hotel by the manager or administrator of the Organizing committee. You can ask him/her all the questions you have. On July, 2 you have free time, so you move around and have meals on your own. The studies begin on July, 3.

Russian language classes

Only English-speaking participants beginning to learn Russian can take part in this master-class. The course is a practical introduction to Russian phonetics and grammar and is exclusively designed to prepare the participants unfamiliar with Russian language to sing the Divine Liturgy on Valaam. We do not organize classes for those who wish to improve your knowledge of Russian.

The workload of the master-class is 20 academic hours.

The Masterclasses of Icon painting and Mosaic making

These master classes are conducted for extra charge:

- Iconpainting – 6500
- Mosaic Making – 4500

You can find the description of the master classes at the webpage choirfestival.ru

Please, pay for these master classes only according to the agreement with the Festival manager.

Meals

On July, 2 the participants of the festival organize their meals themselves.

July, 2-19 – two meals a day on weekdays. You have breakfast at your hotel every morning and lunch only on weekdays during the lunch break between the classes.

July, 19 – you have dinner onboard the steamboat, July, 20-21 – full-board, July, 22 – only breakfast onboard.

During the day of the Fast, July, 3-11, the meals are according to the fasting days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday – fish menu, Wednesday and Friday – vegetable menu.

July, 12-22 - on Wednesdays and Fridays it is fish menu, other days it is meat. We warn you beforehand that all meals are preordered and are not subject to change. If this does not suit you for whatever reason, you can have meals elsewhere and at your own expense, letting the manager of the Organizing Committee know of your decision.

We request you not to enter the dining hall before the time of dinner and without the attendance of the administrator.

At the time of your check-in onboard the steamboat you get a key (1 for a cabin) and a meals-token with a number of the table on it (1 for each person). During meals you are to sit at the table with the number indicated on your token.

Being late

If you are late neither the administrator nor the steamboat are going to wait for you. If such a thing happens, you can ring the administrator and learn the whereabouts of the group to be able to join them by yourself. It is almost impossible to get to Valaam and back by yourself, so if you are not onboard in time for the departure, the boat leaves and you are left behind. Please, be responsible and organized.

You must be onboard the steamboat on the day of departure for Valaam an hour and a half in advance minimum.

On the day of the departure from Valaam to Saint Petersburg you must be back onboard the steamboat an hour and a half before the departure and put a tick against your name in the list which will be left at the reception. This will mean that you are onboard, so we entreat you NOT to leave the boat after that.

Keys onboard

At the check-in onboard you get 1 key for a cabin and 1 meals-token for a person.

We request you to leave the keys at the reception each time you leave the boat and collect each time you come back. The boat may be moored at a different wharf, and nobody will notice your absence if you have not left the key at the reception.

Besides, for losing the key you will have to pay a fine of 1000 roubles (25 euros).

Dress-code

During your studying at the Summer School you must obey a certain dresscode. **We entreat you not to break these rules!**

For men – no shorts allowed.

For women – no shorts or trousers (jeans included!!), only knee-length (or longer) skirts or dresses. Your shoulders must be covered at all times. During some occasions you will be required to wear a scarf on your head.

During the Divine Liturgy and concerts in Novgorod and on Valaam the following dress-code is obligatory:

For women: black skirts and white blouses

For men: black trousers and white shirts

Agreement

What is implied by the phrase that “all my expenses connected with my participation in the Summer School will not be refunded”?

This means that all the extra-expenses, such as lunches at weekends, meals on the day of arrival and departure, dinners, public transport fees, water during classes, insurance, touristic visa (if you were refused a cultural visa) etc. are not refunded by the Summer School organizers.

Registration fee

Whether you get the scholarship or not, you will have to pay a registration fee of 2000 roubles (for people living in other countries) or 1000 roubles (for people living in Russia), which covers the processing of your documents.

The registration fee is included into the cost of studying and does not have to be paid separately. The registration fee can be paid only after the publication of the list of the participants on our website.

The registration fee is paid only by the participants of the Summer School.

The payment is made by the electronic payment system by Visa/MC cards.

All the details will be published on our website later.

Transfers

The transfers from\to the airport, railway or bus station as well as morning transfers from the hotel to the place of studying (for the non-residents of Saint Petersburg) is organized by the administrators of the Festival. If you get there by yourself, your expenses will not be refunded.

NB: The date of check-out from the hotel is July, 19, 2012, in the morning before classes.

Public transport

Underground – 25 roubles for a ride

Trolleybus, tram, bus – 21 roubles for a ride

Commercial minibuses – 25-30 roubles

Please, exchange your phone numbers and email addresses during your studying at the Summer School.

Email.

You can send your filing and ask all the questions about the Summer School sending a letter to the following email addresses:

academia@choirfestival.ru – for Russian-speaking participants

orthodox_music@choirfestival.ru – for English-speaking participants

with the subject APPLICATION + YOUR SURNAME.