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LITHUANIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER COURSES

Education Exchanges Support Foundation takes pleasure in offering the quota for Lithuanian state scholarships Lithuanian language and culture summer courses for candidates of the following countries: **Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Belarus, Belgium (Flanders), Croatia, Finland, Greece, Georgia, Iceland, India, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Mongolia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Philippines, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United States of America, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.**

40 grants in total will be offered for the summer courses in 2014.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The candidate has to be a student (not in the final year), lecturer or researcher of higher education and research institution in **Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Belarus, Belgium (Flanders), Croatia, Finland, Greece, Georgia, Iceland, India, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Mongolia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Philippines, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United States of America, United Kingdom or Uzbekistan.**
2. Lithuanian state scholarships cannot be coupled with other grants, scholarships or other academic exchange programs.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- ✓ 1st cycle (Bachelor), 2nd cycle (Master) and 3rd cycle (Doctorate) students approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a monthly stipend of 1.950 Lt (approx. 565 EUR);
 - ✓ Researchers and lecturers approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a monthly stipend of 3.250 Lt (approx. 941 EUR).
- NB.** Stipend is intended to cover scholarship holder's expenses only. Additional amounts for accompanying partners or family are not provided.
- ✓ Tuition fee for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will be covered by the Republic of Lithuania.
 - ✓ Any other fees such as student union fee, library membership fee, etc. shall be paid by scholarship holder.
 - ✓ Travel and accommodation costs shall be covered by the scholarship holder.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER COURSES

In 2014 the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will be organized at:

	Institution	Dates	Website
1.	Klaipeda University	July 17 - August 14, 2014	http://www.ku.lt/hmf/struktura/centrai/kalbu-centras/lithuanian-language-and-culture-summer-school
2.	Vytautas Magnus University	July 21- August 16, 2014	http://hmf.vdu.lt/en/lithuanian-language-course
3.	Vilnius University	June 30 – July 25, 2014	http://www.lsk.flf.vu.lt/en/
4.	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	5-27 August, 2014	http://www.leu.lt/lt/lf-lkalbos-kult_centras/lkke_apie_mus.html

Applicants are free to choose 3 universities according to the priority and are required to specify the level of the Lithuanian language in the application form. Please be informed that the scholarship might not necessarily be granted to the university of your first priority.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

List of documents to be submitted (in the order given). Please do not put each individual document into plastic sheets or binders:

1. Printed and signed online application form (form can be found on the website <http://paraiskos.smpf.lt/registration/#topas>)
2. Official letter from the candidate's higher education and research institution approving the status of a student, lecturer or researcher.
For students the letter must contain information on applicants current cycle of studies (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle), year of studies and expected date of graduation.
3. Transcript of academic records of the last two semesters issued by applicant's present higher education and research institution.
4. Certified copy of obtained higher education diploma or diplomas.
5. Two recommendation letters from home higher education and research institution (written within past six months).
6. Copy of certificate of proficiency in English or Lithuanian (or another language acceptable for the host institution).
TOEFL, IELTS, CPE or other widely recognized exams of English proficiency are acceptable. If the candidate does not hold any of those certificates, then a signed letter confirming the proficiency in the language from the home university's professor of English or Lithuanian is also acceptable.
7. Copy of the valid identity document.

Documents must be:

1. Completed in English or Lithuanian (or with certified translations into one of these languages).
2. Submitted in two (2) identical sets (one original set and one copy of the original set). Every set must be put into plastic sheet or envelope.
3. Typed and printed (handwritten documents will not be accepted).

All copies (including scanned documents) of the original set must be clearly authorized as true copies of original documents by the issuing institution or a Notary Public.

Printed and signed online application form with additional documents has to be sent by ordinary post.

Documents submitted only online, sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete applications or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st of April, 2014 – deadline for online application submission. Application form can be found at <http://paraiskos.smpf.lt/registration/#topas>. Online Application System will be closed at 12.00 Central European time (GMT+1).

Applications must be sent by ordinary or registered post to the **Education Exchanges and Support Foundation** by **1st of April 2014**, date as per postmark to this address:

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All scholarship applications must reach Education Exchanges Support Foundation by **25th of April, 2014**. Applications received later than that date will not be considered.

2nd of June, 2014 – e-mail notification on the results for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses.