

Opisto Application

Please complete this application to the best of your abilities. If you have any questions or need further instructions, please email us: rdelacey@llchurch.org

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Applying for: Scholarship Self-pay

Opisto year: _____

Opisto preference: _____

Explanation of preference:

Short Answer

Please answer the following questions and the short-answer questions elsewhere in this application in 3-4 sentences each, a paragraph at most. Short, succinct answers are appreciated.

What motivates you to apply?

What expectations do you have of opisto?

What qualities do you have that would help you fit in well at opisto?

What will you contribute to the opisto experience of others? In what ways have you served as a role model so far in your life?

What is your attitude towards following rules and guidelines?

Personal Information

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Nationalities: _____

Home address: _____

Mailing address (if different than above): _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Home congregation: _____

Attended LLC confirmation school Yes No Year and Location: _____

Family Information

Parent/guardian 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Citizenship: _____

Parent/guardian 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Citizenship: _____

List immediate family members who have attended an opisto. Include when and where they attended.

Short Answer

Tell us about your current life situation: your family, your faith, what are you doing in your life right now?

How would an opisto year – a year abroad, a year spent with believers from different cultures – be a good thing in your life right now?

What attributes or qualities do you have that suggest you would benefit from a year abroad at a boarding school with other believers?

What questions do you have about being a believer? Where do you find answers when you have questions?

Ancestry

This first question is optional. Please be aware that such information can be helpful and necessary in getting a residence visa.

Outline your ethnic background to the best of your knowledge. Ask relatives to help if needed.

How have you shown interest in your roots, your family background? How does your heritage show in your daily life?

Education

High school education

Institution: _____ Location: _____

Degree: _____ Date: _____

College education

Institution: _____ Location: _____

Degree: _____ Date: _____

Other certifications, studies or apprenticeships:

Short Answer

How have you embraced language learning so far in your life? In what ways have you shown interest in learning about other cultures within your home country and abroad?

How will you benefit in the future from what you study and learn at opisto?

How do you like to spend your free time?

Work experience

List relevant employers from the last two years, position, period of employment, and what you learned or gained from this job.

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Period of Employment: _____

What you learned or gained: _____

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Short Answer

What are your goals for your future? Where do you see yourself in five or ten years? How will an opisto year help you reach those goals?

Health information

NOTE: The following six questions are voluntary. They are intended to help you understand what types of questions may be good to discuss with your family and health care providers before spending a year abroad. Ensuring an opisto student's health and wellbeing during a year at opisto is ultimately the responsibility of the applicant and the applicant's parents or guardians.

What health conditions, chronic illnesses, etc., do you have that opisto should know about?

What recurring healthcare do you need?

What medication will you need to take during your year abroad?

What allergies do you have that the opisto should know about?

What support will you need during your opisto year to help you maintain health and wellbeing?

What forms of healthcare will you participate in remotely during your year abroad?

Short Answer

What are the main ways you take care of yourself to stay healthy physically and emotionally?

What do you do if you're having a hard time?

References

You are asked to provide three letters of reference and one letter from your congregation's pastor or chairman, according to the following guidelines.

Please provide **three** letters of reference that speak to your suitability for a year studying abroad in a boarding school setting:

- Three letters of reference from adults who know you. Each letter must contain the reference's complete contact information.
- Only one of the references can be from a close relative.
- One of the letters must be from a teacher or counselor or another adult who knows you in a school setting.

Here are a couple tips:

- If you have a job, consider asking your supervisor to write a letter of reference.
- You can ask an adult from church who knows you well to be a reference as well.

In addition, you must ask your **congregation pastor or board chairman** to send us a letter with input on the following questions.

- Is this applicant a suitable applicant for the opisto scholarship program? From your perspective, is the applicant a suitable candidate for a year abroad in a boarding school setting?
- In what ways is this applicant active in congregation life?
- Is this applicant in the love of the congregation, soberly endeavoring in faith?

Please let them know they can send this letter to you or directly to us at rdelacey@llchurch.org

After you apply:

- The Opisto Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and letters of reference and select the scholarship recipients based on LLC's criteria.
- You will be notified of the Committee's decision by early September.
- If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will receive more information at that time with instructions on how to apply for a residence visa, etc.