

SPELMAN COLLEGE SUMMER ART COLONY

Dear Applicant:

Welcome to the beginning of what I hope will be one of the most memorable experiences of your life. The Spelman College Summer Art Colony at Taller Portobelo has been in operation since 1997. The Art Colony began, as a response to the requests of Spelman students, as well as, emerging artist's to travel with me to this enchanting village that has captivated me since the early 1990s. In 2003 poet and fiction writer Opal Moore accepted my invitation to develop a creative writing component for the Art Colony offering poetry and creative writing workshops for interested students. Moore is an Associate Professor of English and Chair of the English Department at Spelman College. I have collaborated with Opal on other projects and can assure you she is a welcomed addition to the Art Colony. Together we have planned a wonderful program for you this year.

This package is your first step on your journey to Portobelo. It contains an Application Form, an Applicant's Health Statement, an Academic Recommendation form, a Physician's Medical Statement, and an Application Checklist. You will also be required to forward a photocopy of a valid US passport before we depart. You will be able to purchase your visa before boarding our Delta flight in Atlanta. The cost is about \$5.00.

The number of spaces available at the Art Colony is limited, so I urge you to complete the Application Form and the Applicant's Health Statement and mail along with your non-refundable deposit of \$250, as soon as possible. The Academic Recommendation, Physician's Medical Statement and final payment should be forwarded soon after.

Please use the Application Checklist to keep yourself up to date with your application. **Please know that if you fail to send all of the materials, as well as the program fee on time you will forfeit your place at the Art Colony.**

Should you require any further information do not hesitate to call me at 404.270.5452 or email me at alindsay@spelman.edu

Cordially,

Arturo Lindsay, D.A.
Director, Spelman College Summer Art Colony

I certify that all of the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that Spelman College and Taller Portobelo reserve the right to dismiss any applicant who does not meet the school's academic and general behavior standards and that any applicant who is dismissed for any reason waives refund of all fees. The Spelman College Summer Art Colony also reserves the right to cancel or revise the program as needed.

Signature of applicant

Date

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In order to assist us in tailoring a program that will meet your needs, please provide us with a statement explaining why you would like to study with the Spelman College Summer Art Colony at Taller Portobelo. Describe your present work, or your area of research. Finally, briefly tell us what you would like to accomplish this summer at the Art Colony.

SPELMAN COLLEGE SUMMER ART COLONY APPLICANT'S HEALTH STATEMENT

To the applicant: A study-abroad program can be both physically and emotionally stressful. Please provide an honest evaluation of your physical health by answering the following questions. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, please explain below or on a separate sheet of paper. In your response, please describe the details of the condition or treatment, including any medications taken.

Name

Last

First

Middle

Date of Birth

Sex

Citizenship

Social Security Number

1. Do you have any dietary restrictions?
 Yes No
2. Do you suffer from any allergies (e.g., food, insect, etc.)?
 Yes No
3. Do you have any physical disabilities or impairments that might cause hardship as a result of a change in diet, carrying luggage, or strenuous travel that might otherwise affect participation in a study-abroad program in the tropics?
 Yes No
4. Are you currently undergoing treatment for any physical or mental conditions?
 Yes No
5. Are you taking medication?
 Yes No
6. Do you have any questions regarding your health, family history, or other matters you would like to discuss with a staff member of Health Services before leaving for the Art Colony?
 Yes No
7. Are there any concerns about your health or your family’s health history that we should know?
 Yes No
8. Have you ever had any of the following?
 - a. A surgical operation (or have you been advised to have one?)
 Yes No
 - b. Treatment in a hospital or mental institution?
 Yes No
 - c. A major illness such as rheumatic fever or tuberculosis?
 Yes No
 - d. An allergic reaction to medication?
 Yes No
 - e. Any other allergic reaction?
 Yes No
 - f. Disorders not specified above, including eating disorders?
 Yes No
9. Do you have any conditions that could affect your adjustment to a new culture or to the academic program abroad?
 Yes No

Please explain any “yes” answers to the above questions on a separate piece of paper.

SPELMAN COLLEGE SUMMER ART COLONY ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

To the applicant: This form is to be completed by a person, other than a friend or family member, who is familiar with your artistic and/or academic work. Please complete the top portion of this form and provide your referrer with a stamped envelope addressed to Spelman College, Department of Art, 350 Spelman Lane SW, Atlanta, GA 30314-4399.

Applicant's Name

Social Security Number

I am applying to study at the Spelman College Summer Art Colony for Summer 20_____

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – Please check:

- I retain my right of access to information contained in this recommendation.
- I waive my right of access to information contained in this recommendation.

Signature of applicant

Date

To the Referrer

The applicant named above is applying for admission to the Spelman College Summer Art Colony. Applicants are selected on the basis of artistic and academic ability as well as, personal maturity. Please provide your frank assessment of the applicant's qualifications. Please submit your response as soon as possible. A late response may impair the applicant's admission to the program.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please assess the quality and level of the applicant's artistic and/or academic work, describing strengths and weaknesses.

3. How would you rate the applicant's ability to adjust to new or changing situations or environments? (Please bear in mind that the intensity of the Spelman College Summer Art Colony requires a high degree of maturity, self-motivation, and commitment.)

4. Please describe how the applicant relates to others, including teachers and peers.

5. Please feel free to make any additional comments about the applicant's qualifications.

6. Please check one of the following:

- I strongly recommend this applicant.
- I recommend this applicant,
- I recommend this applicant with some reservations.
- I do not recommend this applicant.

Name of Referrer

Position or title

College or University

Telephone

Email:

May we contact you if we have any questions about your recommendation? _____

Signature of Referrer

Date

Please return to:

Spelman College, Department of Art, 350 Spelman Lane SW, Atlanta, GA 30314-4399

Disease, Operation, or Injury Record

Period of Disability

_____ From _____ to _____

_____ From _____ to _____

I have examined _____ and believe that this individual is physically and mentally qualified to study abroad. This individual is free from tuberculosis and presents no evidence of a communicable disease, over-fatigue, or any other condition that would impair participation in a study-abroad program.

Name of physician

Address

Signature of physician

Date

SPELMAN COLLEGE SUMMER ART COLONY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This package contains the following forms: Application, Academic Recommendation, Physician's Medical Statement, and Applicant's Health Statement.

NAME _____

- Completed Application Form
- Non-refundable deposit of \$250.
Please note: The deposit will only be returned if the application is not accepted or the applicant is unable to attend due to a medical emergency.
- Completed Applicant's Health Statement form
- Completed Academic Recommendation form
- Completed Physician's Medical Statement
- Official transcripts from schools attended. Please note: This only applies to college students seeking academic credit.
- Photocopy of a valid US passport.
- Visa – To be purchased at the airport.

PROGRAM FEE - \$1975.

The program fee includes cost of instruction, room and board, local transportation in Panama, visits to the Panama Canal, museums and galleries, water taxi in Portobelo, a guided nature walk in the tropical rain forest of Portobelo, hospitality on Isla del Padre, traditional Congo songs and dance instruction, and much more. A limited amount of scholarships are available for Spelman students.

Please note: Space is limited and participants are encouraged to apply early in order to secure a place at the Art Colony.

AIRFARE

Airfare is separate and reservations should be booked through Black Pearl Travel, Inc. blackpearltravel@hotmail.com or by calling Ms. Peri Frances at 404-559-3476.