

FRENCH IMMERSION FOR TEACHERS (FIT)

Official Minority Language Teacher Awards 2009

Aim

This bursary is offered to teachers registered for the French Immersion for Teachers (FIT) program at the *Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface (CUSB)* in Winnipeg. It is funded by the federal government's Official Languages in Education Program and by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

1. teach in French in an immersion school, teach a Basic French course or be designated by a school division as a potential French teacher (a substitute teacher may be designated by a school division);

or

- be a coordinator, consultant, librarian or member of the administrative personnel involved in an immersion program or Basic French courses;
2. have a valid Manitoba teacher's certificate or be a graduate from a faculty of education at the end of the current school year;
3. be registered full time for FIT at the CUSB from July 6 to July 24, 2009.

An applicant must also:

1. be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
2. be a «Manitoba resident», that is, having lived in Manitoba for 12 consecutive months ending the day before the first day of the program and having resided in Manitoba for a purpose other than a study program.

Bursary Amount

Bursaries in the amount of \$800 are available to teachers enrolled in the July 2009 program and will be paid directly to the *Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface* on their behalf. Bursaries are granted based on funding allocated to each school division. If the number of applications exceeds the budget for 2009, school divisions must prioritize them. A small amount of funding is reserved for teachers without a permanent position. Bursaries in this category will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Certain scholarships, fellowships and bursaries received by an individual are excluded from the taxable income to be reported on his/her tax return. You must contact the Canada Revenue Agency directly for further information.

Conditions

Applications received after the **deadline of April 30, 2009** will be placed on a waiting list by date received. They will only be considered if there are funds still available in the 2009 bursary budget, after all other requests are funded.

The Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth may cancel or reduce the amount of a bursary, or require a recipient to reimburse all or part of any bursary, if there is:

- misrepresentation or error on the bursary application; or
- any other circumstance the Minister considers sufficient.

Application Procedure

- 1 Complete all sections of the application form.
- 2 Have your school principal certify the information in section 2E of the application form.
- 3 Provide **photocopies** of each of the following documents:
 - proof of citizenship (e.g.: a valid Canadian passport, birth certificate or permanent resident card);
 - your Social Insurance Card or some other document proving that you have a Social Insurance Number;
 - your valid Manitoba teacher's certificate (or a photocopy of your diploma if you are a graduate from a faculty of education at the end of the current school year).
- 4 Mail or fax the application and documents by **April 30, 2009** to:

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMS

Bureau de l'éducation française Division
509-1181 Portage Avenue - Winnipeg MB R3G 0T3
Fax: 204-945-1625

Any change in your program of study must be reported **immediately** to the Coordinator of Official Languages Programs at the Bureau de l'éducation française Division at 204-945-6935, or by e-mail at languesofficielles@gov.mb.ca.

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1 - Personal Data

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| Surname: | | Social Insurance Number (attach proof): | |
| Given Name(s): | | Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female | First Language: <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> English |
| Permanent Mailing Address (number, street, or P.O. box): | | | |
| City or town: | Province: | Postal Code: | Phone number: () |
| E-mail address: | | | |
| Citizenship (attach proof) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent resident |

2 - Work and Education History

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| A | I graduated in _____ from _____ Province _____ Year Name of institution | | |
| B | Employer (name of school) _____ Phone number _____ School division _____ Province _____ | | |
| C | Do you teach or will you be teaching: <input type="checkbox"/> in a French immersion school? <input type="checkbox"/> a Basic French course? <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) _____ | | |
| D | Are you a substitute teacher? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no (If you answered «yes», the signature of the principal is not required in section E.) | | |
| E | I certify that the above information is correct. Name of principal (please print) _____ Signature of principal _____ Date _____ | | |

3 - Course Information

Have you registered for the FIT program (July 2009) at the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface? yes no

Note: This application is for the bursary only. You must contact the Collège by calling 204-233-0210 to register for the program.

4 - Declaration of Applicant

I declare that:

- all the information given in this application is complete and true in every respect.
- I will notify the Provincial Coordinator of Official Languages Programs at the Bureau de l'éducation française Division if there are any changes in my program of study.

I understand and agree that:

- my personal information may be shared with the Provincial Coordinator of Official Languages Programs at the Bureau de l'éducation française Division, any provincial or federal government agencies or authorities and any other parties, if needed, to verify this application.

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| Signature | Date |
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