

FRENCH LANGUAGE STUDIES BURSARY 2008-2009

Out-of-province official minority language studies

Aim

This bursary is offered to Manitoba residents for post secondary studies in a program not offered in the French language within the province. It is funded by the federal government Official Languages in Education Program and Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the bursary, you must:

- enrolled in or qualified to enrol in a minimum of four full course credits (24 credit hours or the equivalent), at least three of which are offered in French
- enrolled full-time in a program offered at a French-language or bilingual post secondary institution outside Manitoba, which is approved by the Minister
- enrolled in a study program not offered in French in Manitoba.

An applicant must also:

- be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident;
- 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 been in Manitoba for a purpose other than a study program.

Bursary Amount

Bursaries in the amount of \$2,500 are available for fall and winter semesters. The funds are paid in two instalments; \$1,250 per semester. If the number of bursary requests exceeds the amount budgeted for 2008-2009, applications received by the deadline will be considered and bursary recipients will be chosen at random.

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

Conditions

Applications received after **the deadline of May 31, 2008** will be placed on a waiting list by date received. They will only be considered if there are funds still available in the 2008-2009 bursary budget, after all other requests are funded.

If a student withdraws from the study program before November 15, 2008 for the fall session and before March 15, 2009 for the winter session, the student will be asked to repay all or some of the bursary.

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

- discovery of misrepresentation or error on the bursary application
- discovery that the bursary has been used for something other than the payment of the cost of education
- discovery that the student has not maintained the number of credits or courses required to be eligible for the bursary
- discovery that the student is making unsatisfactory progress in his studies
- discovery of any other circumstances the Minister considers sufficient.

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Application Procedure

- ❶ Complete all sections of the application form.
- ❷ Provide a **photocopy** of the following documents:
 - proof of citizenship (ex: a valid Canadian passport, birth certificate or permanent resident card)
 - your Social Insurance Card or other proof of your Social Insurance Number
 - your acceptance letter from the educational institution if the 2008-2009 school year is your first year of this study program.*

* If you have not yet received your acceptance letter, indicate that in Section 4D and send in your application form without it. Once your letter has been received, you must send it in immediately in order to complete your file.

- ❸ Mail the bursary application and documents by **May 31, 2008** to:

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMS

Bureau de l'éducation française Division
509 - 1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3G 0T3

Students must submit an application for every year of study.

This program is part of the federal and provincial governments' official languages promotion strategy. To find out if you qualify for further student financial assistance, contact:

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

401-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3G 0T3
Phone: 204-945-6321 in Winnipeg

Toll free: 1-800-204-1685 in Manitoba
www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/sfaFrontDoor_en.html

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 945-6935 in Winnipeg, or by e-mail at languesofficielles@gov.mb.ca.

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1 - Personal data

Surname:		Social Insurance Number (attach proof):	
Given Names:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	First Language: <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> English

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS

Address (number, street or P.O. Box):			
City or town:	Province:	Postal Code:	Phone Number: ()
E-mail Address:			

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Out-of-province mailing address (number, street or P.O. Box):			
City or town:	Province:	Postal Code:	Phone Number: ()

2 - Citizenship & Manitoba Residency (to be completed by all applicants)

Canadian Citizen Permanent Resident

Note: Permanent Residents must include a photocopy of their immigration form.

PROVINCE OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have always lived in Manitoba. <i>If «No» indicate the name of the province you lived in before moving to Manitoba and the year and month you moved to Manitoba.</i> Province: _____ Date of arrival in Manitoba: _____ Year/Month
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I received an Official Minority Language Studies Award or some other student financial assistance from Manitoba last year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I have received (or applied for) a bursary, loan or other student financial assistance from a province other than Manitoba in the past two years (including 2008-2009).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	My parents or legal guardians live in Manitoba.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I was studying full time in the past 12 months.
If none of the above situations apply, please describe your situation in the space provided below.		

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3 - History of Education and Employment

A	High school attended: _____ Province: _____
	From: _____ Year/Month To: _____ Year/Month Diploma: <input type="checkbox"/> expected <input type="checkbox"/> received
B	Postsecondary: _____ Province: _____
	From: _____ Year/Month To: _____ Year/Month (specify): _____ Diploma (Certificate): <input type="checkbox"/> expected <input type="checkbox"/> received
C	Most recent employment, period of unemployment or work at home occupation: _____ Province: _____
	From: _____ Year/Month To: _____ Year/Month <input type="checkbox"/> full-time <input type="checkbox"/> part-time <input type="checkbox"/> summer

4 - Proposed program of study for 2008-2009

A	Name of institution: _____ Province: _____
B	Name of program: _____
C	Year of the program in which you are registering: _____ year of a _____ year program (ex., 1st year of a 3 year program)
D	Period of studies: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2008 semester <input type="checkbox"/> Winter 2009 semester
	Have you applied? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Have you been accepted? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
E	Are you taking courses through distance education? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
	If «yes», does your program require you to travel out-of-province? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
F	Are you enrolled in at least 4 full courses, of which at least 3 are taught in French? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
G	This program leads to a: <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Master's or Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D

5 - Declaration of applicant

I declare that:

- all the information given in this application is complete and true in every respect.
- I will be enrolled as a full-time student in the study program described and at the institution named in this application.
- I will not be receiving student aid or financial assistance from a province other than Manitoba.
- I will notify the provincial coordinator 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 between 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.
- personal information about my post secondary studies may be shared between the provincial coordinator of Official Languages Programs at the Bureau de l'éducation française Division and the educational institution where I will be studying, to determine my eligibility for a bursary.

Signature	Date
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