

# Council for the Development of French in Louisiana

## 2024 Scholarship Program

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#### **Purpose of CODOFIL Scholarships**

For more than 35 years, CODOFIL has maintained its scholarship program thanks to La Fondation Louisiane as well as foreign government and university partners who continue to offer scholarships to Louisiana students, teachers and professionals. CODOFIL remains grateful for their generosity and the warm welcome that the scholarship recipients receive abroad. The purpose of these scholarships is to offer a French immersion experience to those in need of improving their French language skills and cultural awareness for their current and future careers in Louisiana. Therefore, these scholarships are reserved for high school students, university students and professionals who currently reside in Louisiana and who meet all the eligibility requirements.





























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#### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **High School Students**

• The scholarships that are reserved for Louisiana high school students who are studying French at their school will be awarded as follows:

**2024 CODOFIL** scholarship competition: Louisiana high school students whose school participated in the last two ALCFES conventions are invited to participate in this scholarship competition organized by CODOFIL. The French teachers at each of these schools should collectively select **one** student who is studying French to participate in the scholarship competition. First, the scholarship candidates must compose a letter of motivation (typed, in French and in their own words) and submit it to Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez (<u>jrodriguez@crt.la.gov</u>) at CODOFIL by **February 2, 2024**. Then the scholarship candidates will be invited to an interview in French; the exact date will be confirmed at a later time.

#### Southeastern Louisiana University's (SLU's) Foreign Language Festival: March 15, 2024 at SLU

One scholarship will be awarded to an eligible student in the French IV Extemporaneous Speaking category. For more information about the festival, please contact Dr. Rosario Rodriguez de Hall by phone at (985) 549-2266 or by email at <a href="mailto:rosi.hall@southeastern.edu">rosi.hall@southeastern.edu</a>. You may also contact Dr. Jerry Parker by email at <a href="mailto:jerry.parker@southeastern.edu">jerry.parker@southeastern.edu</a>.

- You must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Please note that the age requirement varies for each scholarship and the recipient must meet the age requirement by the time of travel:

Homer & Jason Dyess Scholarship: 18 years of age Université libre de Bruxelles: 18 years of age Université Sainte-Anne: 16-18 years of age

#### **University Students**

All candidates must:

be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;

be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (depending on the scholarship) at a public or private Louisiana college or university;

have a declared major in French Education or French Liberal Arts (exceptions: Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and Coach Raymond Blanco Scholarship and Lions Clubs de France);

have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and at least a 2.75 GPA for French courses;

have completed a minimum of 13 or 15 hours\* of university French by June 1, 2024;

\*If your university offers 3 credit hours for the beginner-level French courses, students must have completed a minimum of 13 hours of university French. If your university offers 5 credit hours for the beginner-level French courses, students must have completed a minimum of 15 hours of university French. Credit received from Advanced Placement Testing is counted toward credit requirements;

contact their departmental advisor, Study Abroad Office and/or Registrar's Office at their university **BEFORE** applying for a CODOFIL scholarship to discuss the process for transfer credit. Please see the section titled Transfer Credit on page 49 in this guide for more information.

Note: If you are in your final semester of studies, you can apply for a scholarship. For example, you can apply in spring 2024, graduate in May 2024 and travel abroad with a CODOFIL scholarship during the summer 2024.

## Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 1 TAPIF/Centenary College of Louisiana's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5 Program

| All candidates must:   |
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| be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. and a resident of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas or Mississippi;   |
| be between 20 and 35 years of age;   |
| be eligible for and accepted into the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) with placement in the city of Rennes;   |
| be eligible for and accepted into Centenary College of Louisiana's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5 program;  |
| have at least the B1 level of French according to the DELF standards ( <a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a> ) or Intermediate Mid/High according to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL/www.actfl.org) standards at the time of application; |
| have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5;   |
| have obtained a bachelor's degree by June 1, 2024;   |
| have a strong desire to teach French immersion in Louisiana;   |
| be available for an interview in French in March or April 2024;  |
| commit to teaching French immersion for at least three (3) years at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana.   |

#### Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 2 University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5 (French Immersion Concentration) Program

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have a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from a regionally accredited university by June 2024;

have a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study;

have 3 letters of reference;

have a passing score for the GRE (The GRE requirement is waived for applicants who possess an undergraduate GPA, adjusted or cumulative, of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.);

demonstrate an Intermediate High level of French proficiency with either (1) a four-year, undergraduate bachelor's degree in French and/or Francophone Studies, or (2) a score of B1 level on the European Framework exam (DELF), or Intermediate High on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI);

have passing score for all required PRAXIS exams, including the exam in the appropriate content area for your degree.

## Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 3 Alternative teacher certification for future French immersion teachers in Louisiana

| already hold a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree;  not currently hold a teacher certificate;  have at least the B2 level of French according to the DELF standards ( <a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a> ) or Advanced Low/Mid according to the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview |
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| (OPI) standards at the time of application;   |
| have a strong desire to become a certified French immersion teacher without pursuing a master's degree;   |
| commit to teaching French immersion for at least three (3) years at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana.  |

## Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 4 Certified French language teachers for French immersion in Louisiana

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be a Louisiana certified teacher (PK-12) who speaks French;

have met the standards of teaching effectiveness for two (2) out of the last three (3) years of teaching;

have a strong desire to teach PK-8 French immersion at a public school in Louisiana;

provide a B2 DELF diploma before final acceptance into the program. Any candidate not currently holding a DELF diploma for the B2 level or above must be available for testing in New Orleans;

be available for an interview in French in the spring 2024;

commit to teaching French immersion for at least three (3) years at a public or public charter elementary or middle school in Louisiana.

#### **Professionals**

#### **Teachers**

All candidates who are **teachers** must:

be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. as well as a Louisiana resident;

be a full-time, K-12 certified teacher of French immersion or French as a Second Language in a public or private school in Louisiana;

have at least the B2 level of French according to the DELF standards (<a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a>) or Advanced Low/Mid level according to the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) standards at the time of application.

#### **Non-Teachers**

All candidates who are **non-teachers** must:

be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. as well as a resident of Louisiana;

be employed in Louisiana at the time of application;

have a strong desire to improve their French in order to make their workplace more "French friendly." (Find out more about CODOFIL's *Oui!* initiative by contacting Marguerite Justus at <a href="mjustus@crt.la.gov">mjustus@crt.la.gov</a> or 337.262.5764.).

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| Partner Institution/Scholarship Name   | Program<br>Duration | Number of<br>Scholarships   |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Homer & Jason Dyess Scholarship International Center of French Studies (CIDEF) Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) Angers, France                                       | 4 weeks             | 1 scholarship               |
| Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)<br>Brussels, Belgium   | 3 weeks             | To be confirmed (usually 3) |
| Université Sainte-Anne<br>Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada  |                     |                             |
| John Ashby "Ti Jean" Hernandez III Memorial Scholarship:<br>One scholarship offered by <i>Université Sainte-Anne</i> ;<br>\$1,000 offered by <i>La Fondation Louisiane</i> | 5 weeks             | 1 scholarship               |
| Judge Allen M. Babineaux Memorial Scholarship: One half scholarship offered by <i>Université Sainte-Anne</i> ; \$2,500 offered by <i>La Fondation Louisiane</i>            | 5 weeks             | 1 scholarship               |
| Mary de la Houssaye Belleau Scholarship:<br>One half scholarship offered by <i>Université Sainte-Anne</i> ;<br>\$2,500 offered by <i>La Fondation Louisiane</i>            | 5 weeks             | 1 scholarship               |
| The Zigler Foundation Scholarship: One scholarship offered by the Zigler Foundation and reserved for a student from Jefferson Davis Parish                                 | 5 weeks             | 1 scholarship               |

#### Homer and Jason Dyess Scholarship International Center of French Studies (CIDEF) at *Université Catholique de l'Ouest* (UCO) Angers, France

Program dates: July 1-27, 2024

Location: International Center of French Studies (CIDEF)

*Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO)* 

3 place André Leroy 49008 Angers (France)

Scholarship from: French Consulate in New Orleans and *La Fondation Louisiane* 

Scholarship value: US\$ 5,000

Scholarship covers: The scholarship will cover the registration fee, 4 weeks of French classes, housing,

meals, activities planned by CIDEF, and 5 excursions. The scholarship recipient will be able to choose to stay with a host family or at a privately owned student residence. Each housing option offers a different meal plan. After payment is made to CIDEF for the above-mentioned items, any remaining scholarship funds should

be used toward the purchase of the recipient's plane ticket.

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, and transportation between the airport and Angers

Program description: The recipient of this scholarship must be 18 years of age at the time of the stay and

will participate in a 4-week summer program in Angers, France organized by the Centre international d'études françaises (CIDEF) at Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO). Upon taking a placement test, the recipient will be enrolled in a French language class according to his/her level (between A1 and C1). In addition to this class, the recipient will participate in a variety of cultural activities such as a cooking class, châteaux and museum visits, and a tour of a chocolate factory. Also, he/she will be able to sign up for excursions (i.e. Mont-Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo, châteaux in the Loire Valley, beaches in Normandy, etc.). Upon satisfactory completion of the 70 hours of coursework, the recipient will receive a French language and culture certificate indicating his/her level and hours of

coursework.

Important dates:

Monday, July 1, 2024 Arrival in Angers

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 Placement test at 9:00am Wednesday, July 3, 2024 Beginning of classes

Friday, July 26, 2024 End of classes; awarding of certificates Saturday, July 27, 2024 Departure from Angers to return home

Travel information:

The program organizers will be expecting you to arrive in Angers on **Monday, July 1, 2024**. Given the 7-hour time difference between Louisiana and France (France is 7 hours ahead of us), you should plan to depart Louisiana on Sunday, June 30, 2024. Upon completion of the program, you will be expected to depart the university to return home on **Saturday, July 27, 2024**.

Please note that the 2024 Summer Olympic Games will take place in Paris and the opening ceremony will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024. For this reason, the CIDEF summer program organizers highly recommend that you arrive in and depart from Nantes (France) instead of Paris. There is a direct train from Nantes to Angers. The recipient can choose to take the airport shuttle, bus or taxi from the airport to the train station in Nantes.

For more information:

www.cidef.uco.fr

#### Université Libre de Bruxelles Brussels, Belgium

Wallonie-Bruxelles International (WBI) usually offers three (3) scholarships (2 for ALCFES students and 1 for a French 4 Extemporaneous Speaking student at SLU's Foreign Language Festival) for the *Université Libre de Bruxelles*' 3-week summer program. **Confirmation of these scholarships is currently pending.** The information given below is based on ULB's 2023 summer program; it will give you an idea of what their program usually entails. The information in this section will be updated upon the confirmation of these scholarships.

Program dates: Usually mid-July through the first week of August (2024 dates to be confirmed)

Location: Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Solbosch Campus

Avenue F.D. Roosevelt, 50

1050 Brussels Belgium

Scholarship from: Wallonie-Bruxelles International (WBI)

Scholarship value: To be confirmed

Scholarship covers: To be confirmed

Recipient pays: To be confirmed

Program description: On the first day of the summer program, students attend a welcome session and

take a placement test (written and oral) to determine their level of French. Also, a WBI representative distributes a stipend for meals to the scholarship recipients. Students are housed at the Nelson Mandela dorm on ULB's Solbosch Campus.

Students are placed in a French language class according to their level. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, except for the days that are reserved for excursions. Some of the excursions may include, for example, day trips to the cities of Bruges, Bouillon and Anvers as well as museum visits. Upon satisfactory completion of the 60 hours of coursework, students will receive a

certificate during the program's closing ceremony.

Travel information: Please note that there is a 7-hour time difference between Belgium and Louisiana;

Belgium is 7 hours ahead of us. You should plan to arrive at the Brussels airport. The quickest way to get from the airport to ULB's campus is by taxi and it takes

approximately 15 minutes.

For more information: https://ltc.ulb.be/les-langues/cours-de-vacances

#### Université Sainte-Anne Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada

Program dates: June 30 to August 3, 2024 (summer session)

Location: Université Sainte-Anne

1695 Highway 1

Church Point, Nova Scotia B0W 1M0

Canada

Scholarship from: Université Sainte-Anne, La Fondation Louisiane or Zigler Foundation

Scholarship value: Depends on the scholarship (see below)

Scholarship covers: Bus transportation between the Halifax airport and the university,\* tuition, a room

in on-campus dorm, meals, sports, and almost all socio-cultural activities

\*The bus transfer is included in the program cost for the participants who arrive and depart on the designated days as described on the next page. If a participant chooses to arrive and/or depart on days other than the designated ones, he/she is responsible for paying for transportation between the airport and the university.

Recipient pays: CA\$ 275 (approximately US\$ 206) registration fee, passport fee, travel insurance

covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-trip plane ticket, and any

optional excursions not included in the program

Scholarships: The following four scholarships will be awarded in spring 2024:

John Ashby "Ti Jean" Hernandez, III Memorial Scholarship:

One scholarship offered by Université Sainte-Anne; US\$ 1,000 offered by La Fondation Louisiane Scholarship value: approximately US\$ 4,087

Judge Allen M. Babineaux Memorial Scholarship:

One half scholarship offered by Université Sainte-Anne;

US\$ 2,500 offered by La Fondation Louisiane Scholarship value: approximately US\$ 4,044

Mary Delahoussaye Belleau Scholarship:

One half scholarship offered by Université Sainte-Anne;

US\$ 2,500 offered by La Fondation Louisiane Scholarship value: approximately US\$ 4,044

**Zigler Foundation Scholarship:** 

One scholarship offered by the Zigler Foundation and reserved for a student from

Jefferson Davis Parish

Scholarship value: US\$ 3,000

Program description:

The recipients of these scholarships must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, 2024. Not only will the recipients improve their French, but they will also meet other students from across Canada and the United States. They will promise to speak only French during the university's 5-week summer session. From Monday to Friday, they will attend two formal classes in the mornings and participate in a mandatory workshop (blog, dance, music, outdoor activities, souvenir album, etc.) in the afternoons. In the evenings, there are various social activities including band performances and themed evenings. The recipients will have the opportunity to sign up for excursions (beach trip, canoeing, trekking, whale watching, etc.) for the weekends.

Daily schedule Monday through Friday:

8:30/9:00 am-12:00 pm Class (with 30-minute break for info session)

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch 2:00-3:30 pm Workshop

4:00 pm Occasional excursions

Travel information:

Participants in the summer session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening.

For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the summer session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on **Saturday**, **August 3, 2024**.

For more information:

https://www.usainteanne.ca/en/academics/learn-french/spring-and-summer-french-immersion-sessions

## **Scholarships for University Students**

| Partner Institution/Scholarship Name  | Program Duration   | Number of Scholarships |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and<br>Coach Raymond Blanco Scholarship<br>Université de Namur<br>Namur, Belgium | Fall 2024 semester | 1 scholarship          |
| HEC Montréal<br>Montréal, Québec, Canada  | 4 weeks            | 1 scholarship          |
| James Domengeaux Scholarship<br>Université Sainte-Anne<br>Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada                         | 5 weeks            | 1 scholarship          |
| Université Sainte-Anne<br>Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada   | 5 weeks            | 1 scholarship          |
| Lions Clubs de France<br>Various cities in France   | 4 weeks            | 1-2 scholarships       |

#### Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and Coach Raymond Blanco Scholarship Université de Namur Namur, Belgium

Program dates: Pre-semester orientation: August 28 to September 9, 2024 (tentative dates)

Fall 2024 semester: September 14 to mid-December 2024 (tentative dates)

Fall 2024 exam period: January 2025

Location: Université de Namur

rue de Bruxelles, 61 B-5000 Namur

Belgium

Scholarship from: La Fondation Louisiane

Scholarship value: Approximately US\$ 6,800

Scholarship covers: One (1) round-trip plane ticket between Louisiana and Belgium, tuition for the fall

2024 semester, housing costs for four (4) months in UNamur's on-campus housing, and a stipend of US\$ 250 per month for four (4) months to assist with living

expenses

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance,

transportation between the Belgian airport and the university, UNamur's administrative fees, textbooks, and any other fees not covered by the scholarship

Program description: This scholarship is reserved for UL Lafavette students. Undergraduate and

graduate students in any program of study, except education and undergraduate medicine, may apply. If the recipient is an undergraduate student, he/she will enroll and participate fully in a minimum of 24 ECTS (approximate equivalent of 12 credit hours for U.S. College Credit System) for the fall 2024 semester at University of Namur. If the recipient is a graduate student, he/she will enroll and participate fully in a minimum of 18 ECTS (approximate equivalent of 9 credit hours for U.S. College Credit System). The recipient will be expected to arrive at the University of Namur on the appropriate date to participate in a 2-week orientation prior to the beginning of the fall semester. University of Namur organizes this orientation to help facilitate the exchange student's integration into Belgian culture. The orientation consists of French as a second language classes as well as cultural, touristic and culinary activities. The University of Namur will make an effort for the recipient to take his/her final exams in December 2024 rather than the usual exam period in January 2025; however, please note that some professors may not

be able to organize an early final exam.

For more information: <u>www.unamur.be</u>

#### HEC Montreal Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Program dates: July 8 to August 2, 2024

Location: HEC Montreal

Business Language Training Center 3000, chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine

Montreal, Quebec H3T 2A7

Canada

Scholarship from: HEC Montreal

Scholarship value: CA\$ 1,875 (approximately US\$ 1,405)

Scholarship covers: Tuition and fees for all sociocultural activities for the 4-week program

Recipient pays: Passport fees, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance,

transportation, housing, and meals

Program description: The recipient of this scholarship will participate in a total immersion experience at

HEC Montreal, a renowned French-language business school, to acquire or refine his/her writing and speaking skills in Business French. HEC Montreal welcomes participants from over 20 countries worldwide. The 3-credit immersion program focuses on the four language skills (writing, reading, listening and speaking) and five levels are offered (Beginner to Intermediate/Advanced). Interactive workshops, company visits, cultural outings and various sports and sociocultural activities are offered during the program. The complete schedule can be found on

HEC Montreal's website.

HEC Montreal's Residence can accommodate only 40 people; lodging is therefore

allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information: https://francaisaffaires-immersion.hec.ca/en/

#### **James Domengeaux Scholarship Université Sainte-Anne** Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada

Program dates: May 12 to June 15, 2024 (spring session)

June 30 to August 3, 2024 (summer session)

Location: Université Sainte-Anne

1695 Highway 1

Church Point, Nova Scotia B0W 1M0

Canada

La Fondation Louisiane Scholarship from:

US\$ 5,000 Scholarship value:

Recipient pays:

Scholarship covers: Round-trip plane ticket, bus transfer between the Halifax airport and the

university,\* CA\$ 275 (approximately US\$ 206) registration fee, tuition, a room in

on-campus dorm, meals, sports, and almost all socio-cultural activities

\*The bus transfer is included in the program cost for the participants who arrive and depart on the designated days as described on the next page. If a participant chooses to arrive and/or depart on days other than the designated ones, he/she is responsible for paying for transportation between the airport and the university.

Passport fees, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, and any

optional excursions not included in the program

Program description: The scholarship recipient must be at least 18 years of age by May 1, 2024. Since

> the most recent recipients of this scholarship were Southeastern Louisiana University and Tulane students, priority will be given to applicants from other Louisiana universities. Not only will the recipient improve his/her French, but he/she will also meet other students from across Canada and the United States. The recipient will promise to speak only French during the university's 5-week immersion session. From Monday to Friday, he/she will attend two classes in the mornings and participate in a mandatory workshop (blog, dance, music, outdoor activities, souvenir album, etc.) in the afternoons. In the evenings, there are various social activities including band performances and themed evenings. The recipient will have the opportunity to sign up for excursions (beach trip, canoeing, trekking, whale watching, etc.) for the weekends.

Daily schedule Monday through Friday:

8:30/9:00 am-12:00 pm Class (with 30-minute break for info session)

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch 2:00-3:30 pm Workshop

4:00 pm Occasional excursions

Travel information:

#### Spring session (May 12 to June 15, 2024)

Participants in the spring session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, May 12, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening.

For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the spring session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

#### Summer session (June 30 to August 3, 2024)

Participants in the summer session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, June 30, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening.

For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the summer session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

For more information:

https://www.usainteanne.ca/en/academics/learn-french/spring-and-summer-french-immersion-sessions

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Location: Université Sainte-Anne

1695 Highway 1

Church Point, Nova Scotia B0W 1M0

Canada

Scholarship from: Université Sainte-Anne

Recipient pays:

Scholarship value: CA\$ 4,116 (approximately US\$ 3,087)

Scholarship covers: Bus transfer between the Halifax airport and the university,\* tuition, a room in on-

campus dorm, meals, sports, and almost all socio-cultural activities

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responsible for paying for transportation between the airport and the university.

CA\$ 275 registration fee (approximately US\$ 206), passport fees, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-trip plane ticket, and any

optional excursions not included in the program

Program description: The scholarship recipient must be at least 18 years of age by May 1, 2024. Not only

will the recipient improve his/her French, but he/she will also meet other students from across Canada and the United States. The recipient will promise to speak only French during the university's 5-week French immersion session. From Monday to Friday, he/she will attend two formal classes in the mornings and participate in a mandatory workshop (blog, dance, music, outdoor activities, souvenir album, etc.) in the afternoons. In the evenings, there are various social activities including band performances and themed evenings. The recipient will have the opportunity to sign up for excursions (beach trip, canoeing, trekking, whale watching, etc.) for the

weekends.

Daily schedule Monday through Friday:

8:30/9:00 am-12:00 pm Class (with 30-minute break for info session)

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch 2:00-3:30 pm Workshop

4:00 pm Occasional excursions

Travel information:

#### Spring session (May 12 to June 15, 2024)

Participants in the spring session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, May 12, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening.

For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the spring session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

#### Summer session (June 30 to August 3, 2024)

Participants in the summer session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, June 30, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening.

For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the summer session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

For more information:

 $\underline{https://www.usainteanne.ca/en/academics/learn-french/spring-and-summer-french-immersion-sessions}$ 

#### **Lions Clubs of France Various cities in France**

Program dates: July 3-29, 2024

Location: You may apply for one of the following three centers in France:

Agen (CIFAQ)La Baule (CIFC)

• Dijon et Montbéliard (CIFCE)

Scholarship from: Lions Clubs de France

Scholarship value: € 2,000 (approximately US\$ 2,191)

Scholarship covers: Housing, meals and activities and visits that are included in the program

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, and ground transportation in France

Program description: Each year, the Lions Clubs of France's International Francophone Centers welcome

francophone students between the ages of 18 and 24 from throughout the world to participate in a 3-4 week program in France. The goals of this program are to develop each student's French language skills and cultural understanding as well as cultivate friendships. Applicants must have at least the B1 level in French according to the DELF standards (<a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a>) or Intermediate Mid/High according to the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) standards. The applicants should consult the Lions Clubs of France's website (<a href="www.amicif.fr">www.amicif.fr</a>) for additional information and the application. The Lions Club of France must receive complete applications by

March 3, 2024. The 2024 centers are:

#### **Centre International Francophone Aquitaine (CIFAQ)**

Age: 18-21 years Location: Agen

Theme: "Year 2024, Olympic Year: Sportive Hearts, Global Ties: Cultivating Passion and Unity"

#### **Centre International Francophone Culturel (CIFC)**

Age: 18-21 years Location: La Baule

Theme: "How to reconcile responsibility and lightness" illustrated by a quote from Rosa Luxemburg: "You have to work and do what you can, and for the rest, take everything with lightness and good humor. Being bitter doesn't make your life better."

#### **Centre International Francophone Centre Est – Histoire et Nature (CIFCE)**

Age: 22-24 years Location: Dijon et Montbéliard

Theme: "Tradition and know-how from yesterday to tomorrow: preserving heritage in a sustainable way"

For more information: www.amicif.fr

#### TAPIF/Centenary College of Louisiana's MAT Elementary Education 1-5 Program

| Partner Institution   | Program Duration  | Number of Scholarships |
|---|---|------------------------|
| Centenary College of Louisiana (Shreveport, LA) + Brittany's INSPE (Rennes, France) | 5 years:  Year 1: TAPIF and MAT courses Year 2: Residency teaching 2025-26 school year Years 3-5: Teach French immersion in Louisiana | Up to 10 scholarships  |

Named after Escadrille Lafayette, a group of 200 Americans who trained as pilots to fly for the French during World War I, the goal of the Escadrille Louisiane (EL) program is to fill Louisiana's French immersion programs with highly qualified and certified fluent-French speakers from Louisiana who have their state's heritage languages and culture at heart. EL is a program for Louisianans with a college degree who aspire to teach French immersion at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana.

This is a 5-year commitment that culminates in obtaining a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in Elementary Education 1-5 from Centenary College of Louisiana, becoming certified to teach French in Louisiana and being contractually obligated to teach French immersion in Louisiana for at least three (3) years. The students who will be selected to participate in the EL program will begin by spending 3 weeks at Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport in June 2024, at which time they will have a pre-trip orientation and take two (2) graduate courses as part of their MAT degree requirements. Then they will spend the first year of the program in the city of Rennes, France where they will work as TAPIF English Assistants (www.tapif.org) in 1-2 French schools and take courses at the INSPE and online with Centenary College. **The program will purchase a round-trip airline ticket to Paris for you.** Participants arrive in France in mid-September 2024 and return home by the end of May 2025. Participants will earn approximately €1,010 gross/€800 net per month from the French Ministry of National Education for their TAPIF duties. Upon their return to Louisiana, they will return to Centenary College for three (3) weeks in June/July 2025 to take two (2) graduate courses.

During the second year of the program, the EL participants will conduct residency teaching in French immersion in Louisiana while completing their MAT coursework. Upon obtaining the MAT degree, all EL participants are contractually obligated to teach in French immersion for at least three (3) years at an appropriate grade level at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana.

The EL program will offer a \$2,000 grant to EL participants during their year of residency teaching in French immersion in Louisiana. Upon successful completion of Centenary College of Louisiana's MAT program, the individual will be considered an Escadrille Louisiane graduate/teacher. As such, he/she will be eligible for a \$14,000 stipend (MFP funds), paid over a period of three (3) years, as long as he/she teaches French immersion full time at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana. In addition, the EL program will offer a \$5,000 grant to EL participants during their first year of teaching as an EL graduate and certified teacher. The grants and stipend are paid as follows:

| Year 0: residency teaching as an EL participant with a Practitioner License 3 | \$2,000                    |
|---|----------------------------|
| Year 1: teaching as an EL graduate and certified teacher                      | \$11,000 (6,000 + \$5,000) |
| Year 2: teaching as an EL graduate and certified teacher                      | \$4,000                    |
| Year 3: teaching as an EL graduate and certified teacher                      | \$4,000                    |
| Total:  | \$21,000                   |

The EL committee will select up to 10 of the best candidates who will agree to dedicate five (5) years of their time to this important program. In exchange, the program covers the following:

One reimbursement for each of the 4 PRAXIS exams (study materials and retakes are not reimbursed); One round-trip plane ticket between Louisiana and Paris, France;

On-campus housing at Centenary College of Louisiana and meal stipend for the 2024 and 2025 summer sessions; Tuition for the first six (6) classes at Centenary College of Louisiana.

#### **Eligibility requirements**

#### Candidates must:

- be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.;
- be a resident of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas or Mississippi;
- be between 20 and 35 years of age;
- possess a genuine desire to teach in French immersion in Louisiana;
- be at least at the B1 level of French according to the DELF standards (<a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a>) or the Intermediate Mid/High level of French according to the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) standards at the time of application;
- obtain a bachelor's degree by May 2024;
- have at least a 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale);
- be academically eligible to return to their previous institution(s);
- be accepted into TAPIF (with placement in the city of Rennes) for the 2024-2025 academic year;
- qualify for Centenary College of Louisiana's MAT Elementary Education 1-5 program.

#### **Application process**

| February 15, 2024:   | Deadline to apply for TAPIF 2024-2025   |
|----------------------|---|
| March 15, 2024:      | Deadline to apply for the EL program  |
| March or April 2024: | Interview with EL selection committee   |
| April 15, 2024:      | Deadline to apply for Centenary College of Louisiana's Graduate School (MAT Elementary Education 1-5 program) |

#### **Additional information**

TAPIF: www.tapif.org

Centenary College of Louisiana: <u>Graduate Programs (MAT) | Centenary College of Louisiana</u>

## **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's MAT Program Elementary Education 1-5: French Immersion Concentration**

| Institution                          | <b>Program Duration</b> | Scholarships   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette | 1½ to 2 years           | Students may apply for the Future Immersion<br>Teacher (FIT) Fellowship from the French Dual<br>Language Fund via FACE Foundation. |

Launched in 2018, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5 (French immersion concentration) program is for individuals who do not hold a teaching certification. This program is designed for those with French language proficiency who are interested in the pedagogical expertise required to teach in elementary French immersion programs. Please note, to be certified to teach French, you must have an advanced French language proficiency (DELF C1) before graduation.

The program begins in the 2024 summer session and typically ends 14 months later, at the end of the 2025 summer session. It offers courses delivered in both traditional and hybrid means. All students must complete 39 graduate credit hours that include core courses (27 credit hours), residency courses (6 credit hours) and research capstone courses (6 credit hours).

Students are eligible to apply for the Future Immersion Teacher (FIT) Fellowship from the French Dual Language Fund, created in conjunction with the FACE Foundation and the Cultural Services at the French Embassy in the United States. FIT Fellows receive scholarships of up to \$10,000 to pursue graduate degrees and certification programs to prepare them for roles as French immersion teachers. For more information: <u>Future Immersion</u> Teacher Fellowship - FACE Foundation (face-foundation.org)

Upon successful completion of UL Lafayette's MAT program (Elementary Education 1-5: French immersion concentration), the individual will be considered an Escadrille Louisiane graduate/teacher. As such, he/she will be eligible for a \$14,000 stipend, paid over a period of three (3) years, as long as he/she teaches French immersion full time at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana. The stipend is paid as follows:

Year 1 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$6,000 Year 2 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000 Year 3 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000

#### Eligibility requirements

#### Candidates must:

- have a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from a regionally accredited university;
- have a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study;
- have 3 letters of reference;
- have a passing score for the GRE (The GRE requirement is waived for applicants who possess an undergraduate GPA, adjusted or cumulative, of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.);

- demonstrate an Intermediate High level of French proficiency with either (1) a four-year, undergraduate bachelor's degree in French and/or Francophone Studies, or (2) a score of B1 level on the European Framework exam (DELF), or Intermediate High on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI);
- passing score for all required PRAXIS exams, including the exam in the appropriate content area for your degree.

**Application deadline:** April 30, 2024

#### **Additional information**

UL Lafayette: <u>Elementary Education Gr 1-5 | Department of Educational Curriculum & Instruction</u> (louisiana.edu)

Dr. Natalie Keefer MAT – Elementary French Immersion Graduate Coordinator (natalie.keefer@louisiana.edu)

#### **Alternative Teacher Certification for Future French Immersion Teachers in Louisiana**

This Escadrille Louisiane pathway is for Louisiana residents with an advanced level of French who:

- already hold a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree;
- do not currently hold a teacher certificate;
- are at least at the B2 level of French according to the DELF standards (<a href="www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests">www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</a>) or the Advanced Low/Mid level of French according to the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) standards;
- want to become a certified French immersion teacher without pursuing a master's degree;
- commit to teaching French immersion in Louisiana for at least three (3) years.

In this case, the individual would pursue an approved post-baccalaureate, alternative teacher certification program in Louisiana. Here is the link to the Louisiana Department of Education's (LDOE's) list of teacher preparation programs: <u>Teacher Preparation Programs (louisianateacherprep.com)</u>. To be fully certified to teach French immersion (elementary level) in Louisiana, one must obtain Elementary Education Grades 1-5 certification as well as French K-12 certification.

Qualified individuals may request financial assistance once enrolled in an appropriate alternative teacher certification program. Financial assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Upon successful completion of the alternative teacher certification program, the individual will be considered an Escadrille Louisiane graduate/teacher. As such, he/she will be eligible for a \$14,000 stipend, paid over a period of three (3) years, as long as he/she teaches French immersion full time at a public or public charter elementary school in Louisiana. The stipend is paid as follows:

Year 1 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$6,000 Year 2 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000 Year 3 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000

**Application deadline:** March 15, 2024

#### Certified French Language Teachers for French Immersion in Louisiana

This EL pathway is for highly motivated Louisiana certified teachers who speak French and who are interested in teaching in a French immersion program in the Louisiana elementary (PK-8) public schools.

#### Eligibility requirements

Candidates must:

- hold a current French K-12 teacher certificate;
- have met the standards of teaching effectiveness for two (2) out of the last three (3) years of teaching;
- provide proof of at least a B2 level of French according to the DELF standards (<u>www.france-education-international.fr/hub/diplomes-tests</u>);
- have a strong desire to teach French immersion in Louisiana;
- be available for an interview in French in the spring 2024.

#### **Program requirements**

Selected candidates will need to fulfill the state's requirements to add Elementary Education Grades 1-5 to an existing, valid Louisiana teaching certificate. Currently, this entails the following:

- 1. Earn passing score on PRAXIS Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (test code 5001; this includes all four subtests);
- 2. Earn passing score on PRAXIS Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (test code 5622);
- 3. Complete nine (9) semester hours in the teaching of reading and literacy OR pass the adopted Teaching of Reading Praxis exam.

#### Costs covered by the EL program

The EL program will cover the following costs:

- reimbursement for the DELF B2 exam if the candidate does not currently hold such a certificate
- reimbursement for the PRAXIS Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (test code 5001)
- reimbursement for the PRAXIS Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 (test code 5622)

Please note that one reimbursement will be made per above-mentioned PRAXIS exam. Also, the program does not cover PRAXIS study materials or exam retakes. Upon obtaining the Elementary Education 1-5 certification, and maintaining the French K-12 certification, the individual will be considered an Escadrille graduate/teacher. As such, he/she will be eligible for a \$14,000 stipend, paid over a period of three (3) years, as long as he/she teaches French immersion full time at a public or public charter elementary or middle school in Louisiana. The stipend is paid as follows:

Year 1 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$6,000 Year 2 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000 Year 3 of teaching as an Escadrille Louisiana graduate and certified teacher: \$4,000

**Application deadline:** March 15, 2024

## **Scholarships for Louisiana Professionals**

| Partner Institution   | Program Duration           | Number of Scholarships                             |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| Center for Modern Approaches to Languages and Media (CAVILAM) | 2 weeks                    | 2 scholarships<br>(reserved for French as a        |
| Vichy, France   |                            | Second Language teachers)                          |
| Center for Applied Linguistics (CLA)                          | 2 weeks                    | 2 scholarships                                     |
| University of Franche-Comté Besançon, France                  |                            | (reserved for French immersion teachers)           |
| Center for Language Studies (CAREL)                           | 2 weeks                    | 1 scholarship                                      |
| Royan, France   |                            | (reserved for French as a Second Language teacher) |
| HEC Montreal  | 4 weeks                    | 1 scholarship                                      |
| Montreal, Quebec, Canada                                      |                            |  |
| Université Sainte-Anne  | 4 or 5 weeks               | 2 half scholarships                                |
| Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada                             | (depending on              |  |
|   | recipient's<br>profession) |  |

#### Center for Modern Approaches to Languages and Media (CAVILAM) Vichy, France

Program dates: July 1-12, 2024

Location: Center for Modern Approaches to Languages and Media (CAVILAM)

1, avenue des Célestins

03206 Vichy

France

Scholarship from: French American Benevolent Society

Scholarship value: US\$ 2,000 (per scholarship offered)

Scholarship covers: Registration fee, 2-week training, and housing during the training

After paying the above-mentioned fees, any remaining scholarship funds should be

used for meals.

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, and ground transportation in France

Program description: Two scholarships are offered for this training and they are reserved for current,

certified K-12 teachers of French as a Second Language in a public or private school in Louisiana. The recipients will participate in a 2-week themed training titled *Teaching French as a Second Language today: culture, society and new trends*, allowing them to discover ideas for energizing and livening up their French

classes.

The training will consist of 62 classes with each one lasting 45 minutes (46 total hours of classes). Each Monday morning, a conference pertaining to a variety of themes (i.e. culture and intercultural approaches) will be offered to the training's participants. Two "discovery" sessions will be offered each week to give the participants the opportunity to discover educational resources and to learn new classroom practices. Upon satisfactory completion of the training, a certificate of

participation will be issued.

For more information: <a href="https://www.cavilam.com/enseigner-le-fle-aujourdhui">www.cavilam.com/enseigner-le-fle-aujourdhui</a>

#### Center for Applied Linguistics (CLA) University of Franche-Comté Besançon, France

Program dates: July 8-18, 2024 or

July 22 to August 1, 2024

Location: Center for Applied Linguistics (CLA)

6 rue Gabriel-Plançon 25030 Besançon cedex

France

Scholarship from: French American Benevolent Society

Scholarship value: US\$ 2,000 (per scholarship offered)

Scholarship covers: Registration fee, 2-week training, and housing during the training

After paying the above-mentioned fees, any remaining scholarship funds should be

used for meals.

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, and ground transportation in France

Program description: Two scholarships are offered for this training and they are reserved for current,

certified K-12 French immersion teachers in Louisiana. The recipients will participate in a 2-week *Université pédagogique d'été*, allowing them to test concrete and innovative approaches for their language classes and enrich their areas of specialty. The recipients will choose one (1) course consisting of three (3) modules plus one (1) module of free choice. They must participate in the various forums offered at the end of the day in order to obtain the 50 hours of training. Upon satisfactory completion of the training, a certificate of participation will be

issued.

The four (4) courses are:

- Teaching children
- Teaching a non-linguistic subject in a foreign language
- Varying teaching activities
- Integrating teaching innovation into its practices

#### The modules are:

- Teaching as a young teacher
- Interculturality/socioculturality and Francophonie
- French for a specific goal (FOS) and French for a university goal (FOU)
- Literature in a French as a Second Language (FLE) class

For more information: <a href="https://cla.univ-fcomte.fr/formule/ens-universite-pedagogique-dete-2023/">https://cla.univ-fcomte.fr/formule/ens-universite-pedagogique-dete-2023/</a>

#### Center for Language Studies (CAREL) Royan, France

Program dates: July 15-26, 2024

Location: Center for Language Studies (CAREL)

Place Jean-Noël de Lipkowski 48, boulevard Franck Lamy

17200 Royan

France

Scholarship from: French American Benevolent Society

Scholarship value: US\$ 2,000

Scholarship covers: Registration fee, 2-week training, and housing during the training

After paying the above-mentioned fees, any remaining scholarship funds should be

used for meals.

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, and ground transportation in France

Program description: This scholarship is reserved for current, certified K-12 teachers of French as a

Second Language in a public or private school in Louisiana. The scholarship recipient will participate in 15 hours of French as a Second Language methodology courses and 15 hours of French as a Second Language courses. During the training, the recipient will have the opportunity to develop his/her didactic skills, reflect and exchange on class techniques as well as educational resources, and address new pedagogical approaches. The coursework will include group work, workshops, meetings, and debates. Upon satisfactory completion of the training, a certificate of participation will be issued. Here are some examples of topics that may be covered

in the methodology course:

• the action approach, myth or reality

• class animation techniques

- integrating information and communication technologies in educational action
- presenting *la francophonie* in class
- the written word, a source of motivation
- cinema support and project
- poetry at the service of phonetics
- art in the French as a Second Language class
- songs as a teaching aid

For more information: https://www.carel.org/fle-stage-de-methodologie-en-presentiel/

#### HEC Montreal Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Program dates: July 8 to August 2, 2024

Location: HEC Montreal

Business Language Training Center 3000, chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine

Montreal, Quebec H3T 2A7

Canada

Scholarship from: HEC Montreal

Scholarship value: CA\$ 1,875 (approximately US\$ 1,405)

Scholarship covers: Tuition and fees for all sociocultural activities for the 4-week program

Recipient pays: Passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-

trip plane ticket, ground transportation in Canada, housing, and meals

Program description: The scholarship recipient will participate in a total immersion experience at HEC

Montreal, a renowned French-language business school, to acquire or refine his/her writing and speaking skills in Business French. HEC Montreal welcomes participants from over 20 countries worldwide. The 3-credit immersion program focuses on the four language skills (writing, reading, listening and speaking) and five levels are offered (Beginner to Intermediate/Advanced). Interactive workshops, company visits, cultural outings and various sports and sociocultural activities are offered during the program. The complete schedule can be found on

HEC Montreal's website.

HEC Montreal's Residence can accommodate only 40 people; lodging is therefore

allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information: https://francaisaffaires-immersion.hec.ca/en/

#### Université Sainte-Anne Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada

Program dates: Choose one of the following sessions:

May 12 to June 15, 2024 (spring session) June 30 to August 3, 2024 (summer session)

June 30 to July 27, 2024 (summer session for teachers)

Location: Université Sainte-Anne

1695 Highway 1

Church Point, Nova Scotia B0W 1M0

Canada

Scholarships from: Université Sainte-Anne

Scholarship value: CA\$ 1,699 for 4-week session (approximately US\$ 1,275)

CA\$ 2,058 for 5-week session (approximately US\$ 1,544)

Scholarship covers: Half of the program fees which cover the bus transfer between the Halifax airport

and the university,\* tuition, a room in on-campus residence, meals, sports, and

almost all socio-cultural activities

\*The bus transfer is included in the program cost for the participants who arrive and depart on the designated days as described on the next page. If a participant chooses to arrive and/or depart on days other than the designated ones, he/she is

responsible for paying for transportation between the airport and the university.

Recipient pays: CA\$ 275 (approximately US\$ 206) registration fee, the other half of the program

fees (approximately US\$ 1,275 or US\$ 1,544, depending on the session), passport fee, travel insurance covering medical and repatriation insurance, round-trip plane

ticket, and any optional excursions not included in the program

Program description: Université Sainte-Anne offers two half-scholarships to Louisiana professionals to

participate in one of the university's French immersion sessions. Applicants must have a strong desire and need to improve their French in order to make their workplaces more "French-friendly." All the participants are required to speak only French during the immersion session. From Monday to Friday, the recipients will attend two formal classes in the mornings and participate in a mandatory workshop (blog, dance, music, outdoor activities, souvenir album, etc.) in the afternoons. In the evenings, there are various social activities including band performances and themed evenings. The recipient will have the opportunity to sign up for excursions (beach trip, canoeing, trekking, whale watching, etc.) for the weekends. The recipients who successfully complete their session will receive a certificate

indicating their completed level of competency in French.

Daily schedule Monday through Friday:

8:30/9:00 am-12:00 pm Class (with 30-minute break for info session)

12:00-2:00 pm Lunch 2:00-3:30 pm Workshop

4:00 pm Occasional excursions

Travel information:

# Spring session (May 12 to June 15, 2024)

Participants in the spring session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, May 12, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening. For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the spring session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

# Summer session (June 30 to August 3, 2024)

Participants in the summer session must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, June 30, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening. For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of the summer session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

# Summer session for teachers (June 30 to July 27, 2024)

Participants in the summer session for teachers must arrive at the Halifax airport **before 7:00pm** on Sunday, June 30, 2024. To ensure arriving on time for the bus transfer, it is best to avoid opting for short layovers and to find a flight that arrives in Halifax well before 7:00pm. It is a 3-hour bus trip between the Halifax airport and Université Sainte-Anne. Only one bus trip will be offered that evening. For the participants' return flight to Louisiana after the end of this summer session, they should find a flight that leaves the Halifax airport **after 1:00pm** on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

For more information:

 $\underline{www.usainteanne.ca/en/academics/learn-french/spring-and-summer-french-immersion-sessions}$ 

# Université Sainte-Anne's Virtual French Part-Time Sessions

Program dates: Université Sainte-Anne's Halifax campus offers four (4) virtual French part-time

sessions during the year:

Spring session: April 1 to June 7, 2024 Summer session: June 24 to August 30, 2024 Fall session: September 16 to November 22, 2024

Winter session: To be announced (usually held mid January to mid March)

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Scholarships from: 6 scholarships per session offered by Université Sainte-Anne

Scholarship value: CA\$ 200 (approximately US\$ 150)

Scholarship covers: French immersion course and materials

Recipient pays: There are no additional fees to pay!

Program description: Université Sainte-Anne's Halifax campus offers this scholarship opportunity for

Louisiana adults who want to learn (or learn more!) French. Classes are held once a week for 10 weeks. Each class lasts 2 hours and 15 minutes. First-time participants will need to complete the university's French assessment (a written and an oral section). Applicants are asked to indicate up to 3 choices from the following

classes:

Beginner levels 1-4

Beginner conversation (pre-requisite: Beginner 4)

Intermediate levels 1-4

Intermediate conversation (pre-requisite: Intermediate 4)

Advanced levels 1-4

Advanced conversation (pre-requisite: Advanced 4) *Perfectionnement* (pre-requisite: Advanced 4)

Written French workshop (pre-requisite: Advanced 4) Reading and oral expression (pre-requisite: Advanced 4)

This opportunity is open to Louisiana residents who are at least 18 years of age. Upon the successful completion of the session, the participants will be given a

certificate.

For more information: <a href="https://www.usainteanne.ca/en/french-as-a-second-language/part-time-day-">https://www.usainteanne.ca/en/french-as-a-second-language/part-time-day-</a>

evening-courses/online

# Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund (RGCCLF) a fund at Community Foundation of Acadiana



Richard Guidry (1949-2008) contributed greatly to the education and preservation of the French language. This educator, author, actor and consultant dedicated his life to keeping the Cajun and Creole dialects alive in Louisiana. The Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund (RGCCLF) was established to support projects and initiatives that encourage, increase and improve the use of the multiple varieties of French in Louisiana, especially their spoken use in public, in the arts and in education. This includes, for example, grants for students and non-students, aid for classroom projects, research, cultural initiatives and media projects for the wider community.

# Criteria for grant application and grant recipients:

- All applicants must be U.S. citizens and current residents of Louisiana.
- The applicant's project must incorporate the French language, in whole or in a substantial part.
- Applicants must show how their project will benefit the francophone community in Louisiana and the growth of French in our state.
- Applicants must show an effort to complete the application in their level of French.
- Only complete applications will be evaluated. A complete application consists of the application form, the
  budget form, a narrative and the required appendices. Two copies of all documents (one in French for RGCCLF
  and one in English for CFA), except the letters of recommendation, must be submitted.
- Grants cannot be used for lodging or transportation.
- Selected applicants commit to providing a summary report with receipts and details of how the grant funds were spent no later than thirty (30) days after the project is completed.
- "Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund, a fund of Community Foundation of Acadiana" MUST be acknowledged precisely as indicated on the project.
- Grant recipients are allowed only one (1) grant within a two-year period. The two-year period will be determined according to the date on which a grant request is approved.

Grant applications may be submitted online or in writing using the forms available on Community Foundation of Acadiana's website (www.cfacadiana.org). The application deadlines are as follows:

**Spring application deadline:** March 15, 2024 **Fall application deadline:** September 13, 2024

RGCCLF will award up to three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) in grants in 2024. Project underwriting is typically between \$400 and \$800.

# Are you interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund?

The fund grows through financial support from individuals and groups. Half of the financial support goes into an endowment account whose interest will fund projects into the future; the other half can be used to support projects now. There are several ways to make a tax deductible donation:

- Cash or check made payable to the Community Foundation of Acadiana. Please include RGCCLF on the memo line.
- Online at Community Foundation of Acadiana's website (www.cfacadiana.org)
- ❖ Contact Community Foundation of Acadiana's office at (337) 769-4840 or <a href="www.cfacadiana.org">www.cfacadiana.org</a> to set up an automatic monthly, quarterly or annual payment plan through your bank account or credit card.
- \* Residents of Lafayette may choose to designate Community Foundation of Acadiana/RGCCLF as the beneficiary of United Way.

## **Additional information**

RGCCLF: Jennifer Rodriguez (<u>jrodriguez@crt.la.gov</u>) Community Foundation of Acadiana: <u>www.cfacadiana.org</u>

# **Application Process**

# **For High School Students**

The scholarships reserved for Louisiana high school students who are studying French at their school will be awarded as follows:

- 2024 CODOFIL scholarship competition: Louisiana high school students whose school participated in the last two ALCFES conventions are invited to participate in this scholarship competition organized by CODOFIL. The French teachers at each of these schools should collectively select one student who is studying French to participate in the scholarship competition. First, the scholarship candidates must compose a letter of motivation (typed, in French and in his/her own words) and submit it to Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez (<a href="mailto:jrodriguez@crt.la.gov">jrodriguez@crt.la.gov</a>) at CODOFIL by February 2, 2024. Then the scholarship candidates will be invited to an interview in French; the exact date will be confirmed at a later time.
- Southeastern Louisiana University's (SLU's) Foreign Language Festival: March 15, 2024 at SLU One scholarship will be awarded to an eligible student in the French IV Extemporaneous Speaking category. For more information about the festival contact Dr. Rosario Rodriguez de Hall by phone at (985) 549-2266 or by email at rosi.hall@southeastern.edu.

# For University Students

A complete application includes:

# 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form

If you are interested in more than one study abroad program, please indicate your order of preference on the second page of your scholarship application.

## Letter of motivation

Your letter must be typed, in French, and in your own words. A one-page letter is ideal.

# Two letters of recommendation

These letters should be from your professors. Each letter must be in a sealed envelope with your professor's signature on the sealed part of the envelope.

# **Official university transcript(s)**

We need your official transcript from each university from which you graduated. The Registrar's Office must send your transcript directly to Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez at CODOFIL for it to be considered an official transcript. **NOTE:** Please read the Transfer Credit section on page 49 in this scholarship guide.

# **ACTFL Advisory Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) results**

See page 48 for more information about this.

Documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

# **CODOFIL**

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez 217 W. Main Street Lafayette, LA 70501

# For Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 1 TAPIF/Centenary College of Louisiana's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5 Program

- Step 1: Apply for TAPIF (www.tapif.org) by February 15, 2024.
- Step 2: Apply for Escadrille Louisiane Pathway 1 (codofil.org) by March 15, 2024.
- Step 3: Apply for Centenary College of Louisiana's MAT Elementary Education 1-5 Program by April 15, 2024. (www.centenary.edu)

For step 2, a complete application includes:

# 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form

## Your curriculum vitae

## Letter of motivation

Your letter must be typed, in French, and in your own words. A one-page letter is ideal.

# One letter of recommendation

This letter should be from one of your professors. The letter must be in a sealed envelope with your professor's signature on the sealed part of the envelope.

# Official university transcript(s)

We need your official transcript from each university from which you graduated. The Registrar's Office must send your transcript directly to Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez at CODOFIL for it to be considered an official transcript.

# **ACTFL Advisory Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) results**

See page 48 for more information about this.

These documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

## **CODOFIL**

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez

217 W. Main Street Lafayette, LA 70501

# For Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 2 University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education 1-5: French Immersion Concentration Program

Step 1: Apply for University of Louisiana at Lafayette's MAT in Elementary Education 1-5 French Immersion Concentration program. Please visit the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's website (Masters of Arts in Teaching: MAT | Graduate School UL Lafayette (louisiana.edu)) for the complete list of application materials needed to apply for this program.

Step 2: Apply for Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 2 by March 15, 2024.

For step 2, a complete application includes:

# 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form

## Your curriculum vitae

These documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

# **CODOFIL**

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez

217 W. Main Street Lafayette, LA 70501

For MAT related questions, please contact Dr. Natalie Keefer (<a href="mailto:natalie.keefer@louisiana.edu">natalie.keefer@louisiana.edu</a>). For Escadrille Louisiane related questions, please contact Jennifer Rodriguez (<a href="mailto:jrodriguez@crt.la.gov">jrodriguez@crt.la.gov</a>).

# For Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 3 Alternative teacher certification for future French immersion teachers in Louisiana

| A complete application includes:  |
|---|
| 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form   |
| Your curriculum vitae   |
| Letter of motivation Your letter must be typed, in French, and in your own words. A one-page letter is ideal. |
| One letter of recommendation  |
| Proof of Bachelor of Arts or Science degree   |
| DELF B2 certificate or proof of ACTFL Advanced Low/Mid level of French  |

Documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

CODOFIL

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez

217 W. Main Street Lafayette, LA 70501

# For Escadrille Louisiane: Pathway 4 Certified French language teachers for French immersion in Louisiana

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# 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form

## Your curriculum vitae

# Letter of motivation

Your letter must be typed, in French, and in your own words. A one-page letter is ideal.

# Two letters of recommendation

Your letters should be from your supervisors. The letters must be in a sealed envelope with your supervisor's signature on the sealed part of the envelope.

Copy of your current LDOE French K-12 teaching certificate

Proof of having met the standards of teaching effectiveness for two (2) out of the last three (3) years of teaching

Copy of your DELF B2 certificate

Documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

## CODOFIL

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez 217 W. Main Street

Lafayette, LA 70501

# For Louisiana Professionals

A complete application includes:

# 2024 CODOFIL scholarship application form

## Letter of motivation

Your letter must be typed, in French (if possible), and in your own words. A one-page letter is ideal.

## One letter of recommendation

The letter should be from your supervisor (if applicable). It must be in a sealed envelope with your supervisor's signature on the sealed part of the envelope.

# **ACTFL Advisory Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) results**

We understand that some candidates may speak a little bit of French and may feel reluctant to take the ACTFL Advisory OPI. We ask that you do the best that you can so we will have an idea of what you are capable of expressing in French. See page 48 for more information about this.

Documents can be submitted separately or together. Complete applications must be **hand delivered or mailed** to the following address by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

# **CODOFIL**

ATTN: Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez 217 W. Main Street Lafayette, LA 70501

# **ACTFL Advisory Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)**

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) www.actfl.org

Each scholarship program presented in this guide requires participants to have a certain level of French. Some programs accept participants of all levels (beginner to advanced) while other programs require participants to have an intermediate/advanced level. In an effort to be certain that CODOFIL scholarship applicants meet the language requirement for the program for which they are applying, applicants must submit proof of their French language proficiency.

If you have completed an ACTFL Advisory OPI, an ACTFL Official OPI or a DELF exam within the last six (6) months, we will accept your results as part of your scholarship application. If you have not completed any of the above-mentioned tests, you can schedule an ACTFL Advisory OPI, based on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, by contacting:

Jennifer Rodriguez jrodriguez@crt.la.gov (337) 262-5983

Upon determining your ACTFL Advisory OPI Rating, Mrs. Rodriguez will add it to your scholarship application file.

# **Transfer Credit**

All Louisiana university students must meet with their advisor and the Study Abroad Office to inform them of their potential study abroad experience and to inquire about potential transfer credit. **This must be done prior to submitting a CODOFIL scholarship application.** If a student fails to comply, he/she risks being unable to obtain any potential transfer credit for his/her study abroad program.

Upon the successful completion of the programs mentioned in this guide, the program organizers will issue a certificate to the participants. It is the responsibility of the university students to present a copy of their certificate to the appropriate person at their Louisiana university in regard to potential transfer credit. The student's home university in Louisiana will determine if transfer credit will be granted to him/her.

# **Deadlines**

CODOFIL must receive complete scholarship applications by the deadline indicated in the following table. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

| Scholarships for high school students                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| All scholarships reserved for high school students         | ALCFES students: February 2, 2024 (letter);    |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Date TBC (interview)                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SLU Foreign Language Festival: March 22, 2024  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarships for university students                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Governor Kathleen B. Blanco and Coach Raymond Blanco       | April 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship  | April 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HEC Montreal   | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| James Domengeaux Scholarship                               | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Université Sainte-Anne                                     | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lions Club de France                                       | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Escadrille Louisiane Program                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Escadrille Louisiane Pathway 1:                            | TAPIF: February 15, 2024                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| TAPIF/Centenary College of Louisiana's MAT                 | Escadrille: March 15, 2024                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary Education 1-5 Program                           | Centenary College: April 15, 2024              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Escadrille Louisiane Pathway 2:                            | , ,  |  |  |  |  |  |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette's MAT Elementary      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education 1-5: French Immersion Concentration Program      | April 30, 2024                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Escadrille Louisiane Pathway 3:                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alternative Teacher Certification for future French        | March 15, 2024                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| immersion teachers in Louisiana                            | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Escadrille Louisiane Pathway 4:                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Certified French language teachers for French immersion    | March 15, 2024                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| in Louisiana   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarships for Louisiana professionals                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAVILAM  | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CLA  | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAREL  | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HEC Montreal   | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Université Sainte-Anne                                     | March 1, 2024                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Université Sainte-Anne's virtual French part-time sessions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Université Sainte-Anne's virtual French part-time sessions | Spring registration opens: February 27, 2024   |  |  |  |  |  |
| •  | Summer registration opens: ± May 24, 2024      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fall registration opens: ± August 26, 2024     |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Winter registration opens: ± November 19, 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund (RGCCLF)     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Richard Guidry Cajun and Creole Language Fund              | Spring grant applications: March 15, 2024      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fall grant applications: September 13, 2024    |  |  |  |  |  |

# **Important Information for Scholarship Recipients**

- It may take a few weeks for the selection committee to conclude the selection process. As soon as it is complete, the applicants will be notified by email about whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship.
- Then a letter will be sent to the scholarship recipients with more information about their scholarship and study abroad program along with documents that need to be submitted to CODOFIL.
- **BEFORE** making any travel plans, all scholarship recipients are required to:
  - 1) sign a scholarship acceptance/refusal form;
  - 2) sign a release form;
  - 3) pay a \$200 administrative fee (check or Zelle made payable to Consortium of Louisiana Colleges & Universities) upon acceptance of your scholarship. If the scholarship recipient submits his/her study abroad program evaluation (including photos and video) to CODOFIL by August 15, 2024, half (\$100) the administrative fee will be reimbursed to the individual who paid this fee. If the scholarship recipient fails to submit his/her study abroad program evaluation or submits it after August 15, 2024, no reimbursement will be issued.
- A valid U.S. passport book (NOT a passport card) is needed for your travel abroad. Please apply for your passport book as soon as possible since it usually takes at least 6-8 weeks to receive it. For more information: <a href="http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports">http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports</a>
- All scholarship recipients must purchase their own travel insurance and be certain that it includes health insurance as well as repatriation insurance. The insurance coverage must be effective from the date you depart the U.S. through the date of your return to the U.S. Proof of insurance must be sent to CODOFIL **prior to** traveling abroad.
- In the event that a scholarship recipient declines his/her scholarship after having accepted it and after having received scholarship funds, he/she must immediately return the funds to CODOFIL. CODOFIL will in turn forward the funds to the scholarship donor.