



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. What is the Bursaries for Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language Program?

The Bursaries for Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language Program is a new yearly bursary program funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage and administered by the Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne (ACUFC).

The Program was established to encourage English-speaking students to pursue their postsecondary studies in their second official language, in this case French, to help them in their efforts to learn, use and improve their French-language skills, and to expand their understanding of Francophone culture.

The aim of this Program is to contribute to the increase of bilingualism among young English-speaking Canadians.

#### 2. Can the bursary be used in a postsecondary entity of my choice?

The bursary is only available to students who enroll in an eligible study program within postsecondary entities (colleges, universities and university faculties) that participate in the Program. A list of these entities is available on the ACUFC website: [acufc.ca/fslbursaries](http://acufc.ca/fslbursaries).

#### 3. What is the amount of the bursary?

Each bursary is worth \$3,000.

#### 4. Is the bursary renewable?

The bursary is not renewable. Students can only receive the bursary once.

### SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

#### 5. How can I submit an application for a bursary?

All students interested in submitting an application must contact entities that participate in the Program in order to determine their eligibility.

## 6. What is the deadline for submitting an application for a bursary?

Deadlines for submitting an application are determined by postsecondary entities that participate in the Program. Students must contact participating entities for information about their deadlines.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## 7. What are the eligibility criteria to receive the bursary?

To be eligible for the bursary, students must:

- Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
- Have English as the first Canadian official language spoken;
- Study full time in a Canadian institution during the current year;
- Have completed their secondary school studies in an English-language institution and graduated from this institution;
- Have reached the postsecondary level of education;
- Be enrolled in the first year of a postsecondary study program in their second Canadian official language, in this case French;
- Be at least 17 years old on the first day of class;
- Demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge of French to be able to study in that language. A transcript will be required, attesting that they have taken courses in their second official language at the secondary school or college or university level in Canada for a minimum of two years;
- Intend to pursue full-time studies in a college or undergraduate university program in Canada, to take at least 50% of their courses and participate in related activities (placements and training activities in the community) in French.

## 8. Can students who already received the bursary receive it again?

Students can only access the bursary once.

## 9. Are foreign students and refugees eligible?

The bursary is only available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

## 10. I am a Francophone. Am I eligible?

The bursary is only available to students with English as their first official language spoken, and who completed their secondary studies in an English-speaking institution. This Program has been created with an aim to increase the bilingualism level among English-speaking youth.

**11. I am an English-speaking student, but I completed my secondary studies in a French-language institution. Am I eligible?**

The bursary is only available to students with English as their first official language spoken, and who completed their secondary studies in an English-language institution.

**12. I am starting a second college or university undergraduate program. Am I eligible?**

Yes, these students are eligible for the bursary.

**13. Is there an age limit to be eligible for a bursary?**

All students who are starting postsecondary studies may submit an application for a bursary; bursary recipients must be at least 17 years old on the first day of class.

**14. Can I use the bursary at any time during my study program?**

Students can only benefit from the bursary during their first year of a French-language college or undergraduate university study program.

**15. Does the bursary apply to all of the study programs?**

The bursary is only available to students who enrolled in a full-time college study program lasting a minimum of one year, or in a university study program with a minimum duration of two years.

**16. Are students enrolled in an institution located outside of Canada eligible?**

The Program is only made available to students who attend a program provided by a Canadian entity that participates in the Program.

**17. Are part-time students eligible?**

The bursary is only available to students enrolled in a full-time study program.

**18. To be eligible for the bursary, do I have to attend 100% of my courses in French?**

To be eligible, students must participate in at least 50% of their courses and related activities in French (placements and training activities in the community). These students must contact the postsecondary entity to determine their eligibility.

**19. I am enrolled in a distance or online study program. Am I eligible?**

It depends on the program. Students enrolled in a distance or online program must contact the postsecondary entity to determine their eligibility.

20. Are students who discontinued their studies but are now returning to school eligible?

Only students who are studying full-time in a Canadian institution during the current year are eligible. Students who discontinued their studies during the current year and decide to return to school are not eligible.

21. Are students enrolled in a preparatory year eligible?

The bursary is only available to students formally enrolled in a degree program.

Students must successfully complete their preparatory year (where relevant), and then enroll in a degree program, before being eligible for a bursary.

For any additional questions, please send an email to: [boursesfls@acufc.ca](mailto:boursesfls@acufc.ca).