

### Francophone Studies Stipend

The AATF & SHF National Council are pleased to offer Francophone Studies stipends which focus on interculturality. The purpose of these stipends is to support students' interest in their continued learning of the French language and of francophone cultures. The number and dollar amount of awards will be determined by the SHF Awards Committee.

## **Guidelines for Application**

- The applicant must be a U.S. High School student and an inducted member (on National Inductee list) of the SHF by the application deadline of Wednesday, February 5th, 2025.
- The teacher of the student applicant must have current 2025 AATF membership by Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Each <u>SHF charter</u> may submit up to two applications.
- Awards must be used to support the continued study of French (in person or online). Some examples may include but are not exclusive of:
  - Coursera https://www.coursera.org
  - o Global online academy <a href="https://globalonlineacademy.org/">https://globalonlineacademy.org/</a>
  - Workshops
  - Immersion opportunities
  - Study Abroad
  - Language Camps
  - School sponsored travel or exchange programs.

# **Online Application Form**

Only applications which are complete will be reviewed.

Please be prepared with the following information to complete the online submission form.

- Teacher name (first & last) and email, student name (first & last), school name and physical mailing address
- Student information grade, level of French course currently enrolled in, SHF participation, other extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, volunteer efforts, part-time employment), *Grand Concours* participation, and history of travel to a French speaking country
- Student essay of 150-250 words in French
  - Essay Topic (in French): The aim of the Société Honoraire de Français is "to stimulate interest in the study of the French language and Francophone cultures, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, and to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all learners. We aim to create enthusiasm for and a deep understanding of the diverse francophone world, encourage cultural exchange, and promote national and international friendship and collaboration" State in French

how you believe that your award will support these goals and your reasons for applying. Please relate these goals directly to your proposed use of the stipend. You must present your own ideas, but a teacher may correct grammar.

- o Do not include any personal information within the text of the essay.
- Copy of study program prospectus (or justification)
- Letter of recommendation from current French teacher.
- Letter of recommendation from teacher or faculty member of a non-French discipline employed at the school the applicant is currently attending.
- Scanned copy of high school transcript through first semester of 2024-2025 school year.

Please find the 2024-2025 Francophone Studies Award Rubric here.

### **Additional Information**

- Students may receive only one Francophone Studies Stipend.
- Payment will be made directly to the student upon submission of proof of enrollment and/or a class schedule in a francophone studies/cultural enrichment program.
- The applicant (student) must be registered in, or able to register in, a program approved by the SHF sponsor or an accredited francophone studies course. Inquiries regarding appropriate programs may be directed to shf@frenchteachers.org

#### Stipend recipient's responsibility

- In recognition of the generosity of this stipend, each recipient will be expected to submit a brief
  description of the travel/study experience and its significance via Google Form within one
  month of completion of the study program, all or portions of which may appear in the SHF
  publication, L'Élan.
- Proof of completion of travel must be submitted to the AATF office within 12 months of the submission deadline (by 2/5/26).

Winning students' first name and state will be published on the SHF website. Teachers are also encouraged to announce the winners at their annual induction or award ceremonies.