

Official Languages French Teacher Bursary Summer 2018

Purpose

The program is funded jointly by Canadian Heritage and the Saskatchewan government, and administered in Saskatchewan by the Programs Branch of the Ministry of Education. Its purpose is to encourage those teaching in French to further their knowledge of the language during the months of July and/or August, in a recognized francophone or bilingual post-secondary educational institution in Canada.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a bursary, an applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
2. be a resident of Saskatchewan;
3. hold a valid teaching certificate that will be valid over the duration of the course;
4. teach in French in an Immersion program, teach Core French or Intensive French, or be a coordinator, counsellor, librarian, or staff member responsible for the administration of an Immersion program, or Core French or Intensive French courses, in Saskatchewan;
5. be enrolled full-time in one of the courses approved by the Programs Branch, for a minimum of two weeks between July 1 and August 31 2018, in a francophone or bilingual post-secondary institution (see the list of courses recommended by the Programs Branch).

Bursary Amount

Bursaries of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for approved courses given, upon presentation of proof of attendance.

The Programs Branch may withdraw a bursary, reduce the amount of a bursary, or require all or part of a bursary to be reimbursed if any information provided in the application is found to be false or inaccurate, if it receives a report that a student's performance in a course was unsatisfactory, or if the Programs Branch deems such action to be justified for any other reason.

Instructions

1. Complete all sections of the application.
2. The "Education and Employment" (No 2E) section of the application must be verified and signed by the principal, as well as the Director of Education or their representative.
3. Submit photocopies of the following documents:
 - a) **proof of Canadian citizenship** (e.g., birth certificate) or of permanent resident status;
 - b) **social insurance card** or other document showing that you have a social insurance number;
 - c) **teaching certificate**;
 - d) **course description** (required only for courses not included in the Programs Branch's list of recommended courses).
4. The candidate will submit their application, together with the required documents, to the Director of Education in their school division or to their representative. The Director of Education will then forward the original document to the Programs Branch. **THE CANDIDATE SHOULD NOT SEND THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAMS BRANCH.**

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Deadline

Bursary applications must be submitted at the above address **no later than April 30, 2018**. School divisions will submit a prioritized list of candidates to Programs Branch. These applications will then be reviewed and selected for approval by the Programs Branch. All candidates will be advised in writing of the decision taken on their application.

All applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list, will be considered based on the level of priority indicated by the school division, and will be considered only if funds remain in the budget.

Please note that all bursaries are considered to be taxable income. In addition, the Coordinator of Official Language Programs, Programs Branch, must be advised immediately of any change to your program of study.