

# Bursaries for Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language

## INTRODUCTION

New French as a Second Language bursary program administered by the *Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne* (ACUFC) and Canadian Heritage. The government of Canada made a commitment to promoting a bilingual Canada, in particular by supporting English-speaking Canadians in learning French.

## PURPOSE OF FUND

This fund provides financial assistance and encourages English-speaking students attending university to pursue their postsecondary studies in their second official language, in this case French, thus contributing to the increase of bilingualism among Anglophones in Canada.

## SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

### Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
2. have English as the first Canadian official language spoken;
3. have completed their secondary school studies in an English-language institution and graduated from this institution;
4. be admitted and enrolled full time in the first year for the upcoming academic year in an undergraduate program;
5. be admitted in a French program or in French Immersion;
6. be at least 17 years old by the first day of class;
7. demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge of French to be able to study in that language;
8. take a minimum of 6 units per term taught in French; and
9. demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid and Awards Service of the University of Ottawa.

**Note:** This bursary can be combined with other scholarships offered at the University of Ottawa. This bursary can only be awarded once: it is not renewable and cannot be received a second time should the recipient pursue another program at a later time at the University of Ottawa.

Special consideration will be given to students who:

- face financial difficulties and are from the first generation in their family to pursue studies at college or university level; and
- belong to an under-represented group or a disadvantaged minority.

**Value of the Award:** \$3,000

**Number of Awards:** 250

**Frequency of the Award:** Annual

**Level or Program of Study:** Undergraduate

**Renewable:** No

**Application Contact:** Financial Aid and Awards Service

**Application Deadline:** March 31

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through your uoZone, and should include:

1. an unofficial copy of the applicant's transcript from a high school in Canada;
2. the Financial Questionnaire; and
3. the Self-Identification Form.

