



The St. Hilaire French Scholarship Fund will benefit graduating seniors from Cumberland Valley High School who have plans to study French as a major or minor at a college or university, or who have plans to study in a summer program in the province of Québec, Canada. The Fund has been established for those who have an interest in pursuing the study and furthering the use of this beautiful romance language, which is spoken throughout the world. It is widely recognized and highly utilized as a language of preference in international business and diplomacy.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating high school seniors from Cumberland Valley High School
2. Attendance at a two- or four-year college or university
3. Plans to study French as a major or a minor, or plans to study in a summer program in the province of Québec, Canada
4. Financial need is not a requirement, but may certainly be an impactful element

## HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

*If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).*

***Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:***

***\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED\*\****

1. Other Scholarship Information: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
3. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
4. Personal Essay: Why should I be the person to receive the French Scholarship? And how will I make the most of this opportunity, using what I learn in my French language studies to benefit others and myself? 500 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

***The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:***

***The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:***

1. *Official Transcript.*
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

## RENEWABILITY

*This scholarship is a one-time only award for recipients who are studying in a summer program.*

For students who are studying French, recipients may reapply. Students must fill out the renewal application found below.

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4. Personal Essay: What have you learned from your studies in French thus far, and how will this scholarship help you achieve your goals? 500 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

**Your Official Transcript must be mailed or sent as a certified PDF emailed directly from your university.** It is your responsibility to ensure that your transcript is received by the deadline. The transcript **must be received** by the deadline, **not postmarked**.

**Mail Official Transcript to:**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities  
St. Hilaire French Scholarship Fund  
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator  
200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**OR**

**Email Official Transcript to:**

[scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org)  
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

**If you received a scholarship from the St. Hilaire French Scholarship Fund last year as a graduating senior, [click here](#) to access the online renewal application.** If you are unsure if you qualify as a renewal applicant, please contact Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator, at [felmes@tfec.org](mailto:felmes@tfec.org).

## **MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**AES/PHEAA's PATH Program:** Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)