



“Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation” Bourse d’excellence

I. Introduction

The AFLE (*Association Français Langue Etrangère de Hong Kong et Macao* - The Association of Teachers of French in Hong Kong and Macau) is a local non-profit-making organization, whose objectives are to help, coordinate and promote the teaching and learning of French as a Foreign Language in Hong Kong and Macau.

The “Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation” Bourse d’excellence is a scholarship aiming at giving hard-working, financially deserving, Hong Kong Senior Secondary students, the opportunity to go to France for a 4-week French linguistic exchange programme at the St Denis International School (Loches, France) in July. The scholarship is offered by the Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation (the Foundation), which is based in Bakersfield, California. It is locally managed by the AFLE. In 2016, the Foundation will offer up to 3 Bourses d’excellence.

More details could be found on the websites below:

- The Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation: <http://beaverfoundation.blogspot.hk/2009/12/dennis-and-anne-beaver-foundation.html>
- The St Denis International School: <http://www.saint-denis.net/>

II. Scholarship amount and coverage

Each individual scholarship is worth up to HK\$40,000 and will cover:

- The registration fees for a 4-week French Linguistic Exchange Programme at the St Denis International School (Loches, France), including French tuition, accommodation with a French family, meals, activities and visits;
- The transportation from Hong Kong to Loches and back;
- The travel insurance fees;
- A small living allowance.

III. Admission requirements and eligibility

- Applicants must be Hong Kong permanent residents and currently registered as full-time students in a Hong Kong secondary school (any status: local, international, ESF...), at the Senior Secondary level (S.4 to S.6) or equivalent.
- Applicants must be learning French in their school at the time of application.
- Applicants must apply via their French teacher, who is a member of the AFLE.
- Neither the applicants nor their parents are native speakers of French.
- Applicants must have at least the equivalent of the B1 level in French on the CEFL (Common European Framework for Languages) scale.
- Each school can enter **only one applicant**.
- Applicants must be able and eager to join the 4-week linguistic stay at the St Denis International School (Loches, France) from July 2nd to 31st (including traveling time).

IV. 5-step Application Calendar

Step	Date	Description
1	17 Dec. 2015	Launch of the 2016 “Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation” Bourse d’excellence
2	5 Feb. 2016	Last day to submit the completed application form, together with supporting documents (incomplete files will not be considered).
3	20 Feb. 2016	French Essay competition (exact time and venue will be confirmed later).
4	27 Feb. 2016	Pre-selection by the AFLE’s selection committee of a maximum of 6 finalists for the Foundation’s final selection. The finalists and their teachers will be informed on or before 27 Feb. 2016.
5	5 March 2016 (to be)	Final interview with the Foundation’s selection committee, either face-to-face or via Skype, at the Baptist University (to be confirmed) and final selection of the scholarship



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	confirmed)	recipient(s).
6	12 March 2016	Official announcement of the list of recipients of the 2016 “Dennis and Anne Beaver” Foundation Bourse d'excellence, by email to the recipients and their teachers and on the AFLE's website.

V. Application process and acceptance

Applicants are required to fill in an application form and submit it with the following supporting documents (if applicable) to **AFLE, 25/F, Tower 2, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong.**

Personal Particulars

- Copy of HKID Card and passport;
- Copy of Student ID Card;
- *All applicants must provide a few pictures of themselves with their family in their apartment.

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- Documents supporting the applicant's high level of achievement in French (school tests and exams results, DELF or other French language test results, certificates of the French Speech Competition and/or the Dictée de l'AFLE, etc.);
- A recommendation letter in French and/or in English, prepared by the applicant's French teacher and endorsed by the school principal.

Personal Financial Situation

- *Bank passbook/statements, including the page showing the account holder's name, account number and balance for the period of (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016);
- Confirmation letter(s) of Government financial assistance application (CSSA, SFAA).

Family Financial Circumstances and Others (if applicable)

- *Proof of family debt with reasons given for the cause of debt;
- *Proof of excessive or long-term medical expenses;
- *Income proof of applicant and household members for the period of April 2015 to Jan 2016;
- *Any other documents that can prove any family adversities and/or special difficulties.

* These documents can be submitted later for the final selection interview if the applicant is selected.

All applicants will be invited to take part in a French essay competition. This mandatory event will be organized by the AFLE on Feb. 20th. Exact time and venue will be confirmed later.

VI. Terms and Schedule of Payment

- The scholarship amounts to a maximum of HK\$40,000. The exact amount will be based on actual costs.
- The school fees will be paid directly by the Foundation to the St Denis International School.
- All other expenses will be paid by the Foundation to the AFLE who will then pay the Scholarship's recipient(s) (details of the payment procedure will be released to the recipients and their teachers later).
- If a recipient fails to go to France (except in case of force majeure), he/she will have to refund the Foundation for any payment already made.

Reminder:

Application deadline: 5 Feb. 2016

Please submit your application form and supporting documents by hand or by mail to:

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