



“Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation” Bourse d’excellence

I. Introduction

The “Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation” Bourse d’excellence aims at giving a hard-working, financially deserving, Hong Kong senior secondary student, the opportunity to go to France for a 4-week linguistic stay at the St Denis International School (Loches, France). It is offered by the Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation (the Foundation), based in California and is locally managed by the AFLE. In 2017, the Foundation will offer up to 3 bourses d’excellence.

For more info about:

- 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. How much is the scholarship?

Each scholarship is worth up to HK\$40,000. The scholarship will cover:

- Registration fees for a 4-week French learning Summer Camp Program at the St Denis International School (Loches, France), including tuition, accommodation, meals, activities and visits.
- Transportation from Hong Kong to the city where the program will take place.
- Insurance fees.
- A small living allowance.

III. Who can apply?

- Applicants are Hong Kong permanent residents, 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 are learning French in their school.
- Applicants apply via their teacher, who is a member of the AFLE.
- Neither the applicants nor either of their parents are native speakers of French.
- Applicants have a level in French at least equivalent to B1 on the CEFL (Common European Framework for Languages) scale.
- Each school can enter only one candidate.
- AFLE will nominate a maximum of 6 applicants for the Foundation’s final selection. Finalists will be interviewed by the Foundation Selection Committee either face-to-face or through Skype.

IV. How to apply?

Applicants are required to fill in an application form and submit it with the following supporting documents (if applicable):

Personal Particulars

- Copy of HKID Card
- Copy of Student ID Card
- *Photos of yourself and your family in your apartment.

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- any document demonstrating the candidate’s high achievements 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, signed 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 2016 - Jan 2017)
- Confirmation letter of Government financial assistance application results.

Family Financial circumstances and others

- *Proof of family debt with explanation of the cause of debt
- *Proof of excessive or long-term medical expenses
- *Income proof of applicant and household members for the period of April 2016 to Jan 2017
- *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 you are selected.

Applicants will also have to participate in a 500-word French essay writing event. This event will be organised by AFLE on Feb. 11st . Exact time and venue will be confirmed later.

V. Calendar

- **13 Dec. 2016:** Launch of the 2017 "Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation" Bourse d'excellence.
- **15 Jan. 2017:** Last date for submitting the complete application file, together with supporting documents.
- **11 Feb. 2017:** Essay writing event (exact time and venue will be confirmed later).
- **15 Feb. 2017:** Release of the list of up to 6 finalists (selected by the AFLE selection committee).
- **17 Feb. 2017:** Final interview with the Foundation Selection committee, and selection of the scholarship recipient(s).
- **18 Feb. 2017:** Laureates will be invited to an official ceremony in St Paul's Convent School at 2pm.

VI. Payment

- a. The scholarship amounts to a maximum of HK\$40,000.
- b. Registration fees will be paid directly by the Foundation to the St Denis International School.
- c. Other expenses (transportation...), will be paid by the Foundation to the AFLE who will then pay the recipient(s)
- d. In case a recipient cannot go to France, and except in case of force majeure, he/she agrees to refund the Foundation of all sums already paid either to the AFLE or to the St Denis International School.