



“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 2019, the Foundation will offer up to 6 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 is taking 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.
- Applicants have never been to France previously.
AFLE will nominate a maximum of 10 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.

Dossier d'excellence

- 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 2018 - Jan 2019)
- Confirmation letter of Government financial assistance application results, if any.

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 2018 to Jan 2019
- 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 March 16th. **Exact time and venue will be confirmed later.**

V. Calendar

- **21 February 2019** : Launch of the 2019 "Dennis and Anne Beaver Foundation" Bourse d'excellence.
- **11 March 2019** : Last date for submitting the complete application file, together with supporting documents.
- **16 March 2019** : Essay writing event (exact time and venue will be confirmed later).
- **23rd March 2019** : Release of the list of up to 6 finalists (selected by the AFLE selection committee).
- **28/29 March 2019** : Final interview with the Foundation Selection committee, and selection of the scholarship recipient(s).
- **Laureates will be invited to an official Scholarship giving ceremony in the presence of Mr. Dennis Beaver and/or his son Mr. Ian Beaver member of the Foundation Dennis & Anne Beaver Foundation Scholarship of Excellence.**

VI. Payment

- a. The scholarship amounts to a maximum of HK\$40,000.
- b. All expenses will be paid directly by the Foundation and/or the AFLE to the St Denis International School and other parties.
- c. Daily allowances will be paid by the AFLE to the recipients, in cash.
- 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.