

FINANCIAL AID AT THE LYCÉE FRANÇAIS LA PÉROUSE

The primary responsibility for financing a student's independent school education rests with the family, however, financial aid is available through the French government and the school according to need. Approximately 20% of Lycée families received financial aid in 2008/09. If you are not sure whether you might qualify for financial aid or have other questions about the financial aid application process, please contact the Business Manager, Blanche Crabé, at (415) 661-5232 x2727 or bcrabe@lelycee.org.

I - FRENCH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID

A - Requirements for French Government Financial Aid or Tuition Subsidies for 10th, 11th and 12th Grade

10th, 11th and 12th GRADE TUITION SUBSIDIES:

Please refer to the French Consulate's website: <http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org/spip.php?article1171>

Applications should be submitted to the Lycée Business Office before the deadline of March 31, 2009.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID ONLY

Family revenues

French Government financial aid levels are calculated based on **all sources of family income**, regardless of their type. Family resources must be compatible with an allocation scale determined annually by the French government based on the economic and social situation of each country.

Children's status

Children receiving financial aid must:

- be of French Nationality,
- reside with their family (mother/father or legal guardian) in the consular district where the school attended is located,
- be registered with the French Consulate or French Embassy of consular district where they reside,
- be at least three years old during the calendar year in which school is started,
- be enrolled in a school recognized by the French Ministry of Education and follow the French curriculum, and
- not be too far behind in his/her education in comparison with his/her age group.

B – Application procedure

What

School related costs that are eligible for a financial aid are annual tuition fees, entrance and first enrollment fees, school bus fees, and French exam registration fees. Children may be granted a partial or full scholarship and may be limited to a maximum tuition fee.

Where

Financial aid forms are available on the French Consulate's website ([consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org](http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org)), or at the Lycée's Business Office.

When

Applications must be submitted by the deadline given by the French Consulate. Families already established in the U.S. submitting a first time application or renewing their application for a French Government financial aid for 2009-2010 must do so by **March 6, 2009**.

Families arriving in the U.S. during the summer have a different deadline that will be published later in the year. Their applications will be examined at the French Government Scholarship Committee meeting held in October.

How

Complete the application form available at the French Consulate or at the Business Office of the Lycée Français La Pérouse including all required accompanying documents to substantiate the family's resources and living standard. The list of required documents is included in the application package. All incomplete applications will be postponed until complete or rejected.

Submission of your application

Before submitting your application, please make an appointment with Blanche Crabé, Business Manager ((415) 661-5232 x2727 or bcrabe@lelycee.org) to review and sign your completed application. Then, make an appointment with Fabien Camos, French Government Scholarship Applications at the French Consulate, to submit your application package in person. Fabien Camos can be contacted by telephone at (415) 616-4913 or fax at (415) 397-0826.

C - Evaluation process

The Consular services consider the applicants' family situation and resources relative to an allocation scale. They also verify the compatibility of tax returns with the family's standard of living. Real estate and other investments are taken into account. Further investigations may be conducted.

In case of a reconstituted family (second marriage, domestic partnership, PACS), the couple's revenues are taken into account. In case of a legal separation or divorce, the ex-spouse's revenues are also taken into account.

Accepted applications are presented to a local scholarship committee composed of key representatives of the French community: Consul Général, Delegates of the Superior Council of French Nationals abroad, Vice Consul, Cultural Attaché, representatives of the schools, parents, and representatives of associations of French Nationals abroad. This committee's recommendations are sent to the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE), which makes the final decision on allocation after consultation with the French National Committee of Scholarships.

You should know:

French Government scholarships granted to French children living abroad with their families are attributed every year within budget limits established by the AEFE. **The level of financial help available to families may vary from year to year.**

D - Decision

Following the Agency's decision, after consultation of the National Committee of Scholarships, the French Consulate notifies families on the level of financial aid, if any, granted to them. Rejections may be appealed through the French Consulate at the discretion of the Director of the AEFE. French Government financial aid is paid directly to the school.

PLEASE NOTE!

Scholarship applications are independent from school enrollment applications. Do not forget to enroll your children!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR.

For more information on French Government financial aid applications, please visit the website of the Agence Française pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Etranger (<http://www.aefe.diplomatie.fr/>).

II – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID

A - Granting Principles

Every year, the Lycée Français La Pérouse allocates a certain amount of its budget for school financial aid and the Seona Herail scholarship. All requests for aid are strictly confidential. Financial aid is granted to children attending Prek2 to 12th grade, without regard to race, color, religious affiliation, national origin or ethnicity. Financial aid decisions are made independently from admissions decisions. To maintain eligibility for financial aid, families must keep their accounts current or have made documented payment arrangements with the Business Office. French families are eligible for financial aid from the school, but must first apply for French Government financial aid (see above). Their applications are examined after their level of French Government financial aid has been determined.

Financial Need Assessment

The Lycée uses the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) in Princeton, New Jersey, to determine need. Financial aid decisions are made by the school's Financial Aid Committee after review of the computed Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) from the SSS and other requested financial documents (see list below).

Who Should Apply

The SSS provides common and objective criteria by which each family's need can be assessed fairly and equitably. You are encouraged to apply if you believe that your resources are inadequate to meet tuition costs. Financial aid may be awarded to students from K2 through 12th grade.

Financial Aid for Divorced or Separated Families

The School expects both natural parents to contribute to the cost of education to the extent of their ability. The non-custodial parent must complete and file a Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) provided by the School as well as signed copies of the current documents listed below to the Lycée's Business Manager.

Renewal of Financial Aid

Financial aid is given on a yearly basis up to the limit of the school's financial aid budget. Families currently receiving a financial aid must reapply for aid each year. The Lycée mails forms to all existing financial aid recipients. Families may expect to receive aid as long as their financial circumstances remain essentially the same, their commitment to the schools' values remains strong, and the student's performance is satisfactory.

B – School Scholarship Application Procedure

All interested applicants should pick up an application package that includes the Parent Financial Statement at the Business Office or at the Corte Madera campus.

1. The following documents should be **sent directly to SSS** in the pre-addressed envelope provided:
 - Completed Parent Financial Statement (PFS) (These documents are also available online at www.nais.org/financialaid/ss),
 - check payable to School and Student Service for Financial Aid.

Note: the PFS form must be completed in ink to be accepted by the service. Please keep a copy of the PFS for your own records. **The Lycée La Pérouse SSS code number is 1907.**

2. The following documents should be returned to **the school's Business Office:**
 - Completed form, "Lycée Français La Pérouse School Scholarship Application,"
 - Letter explaining your financial difficulty and the amount of aid requested,
 - Most recent IRS 1040 tax return including all schedules and W2s. Financial aid will not be granted unless the Lycée receives these tax documents.
 - Signed IRS Form 8821 "Tax Information Authorization."

The Finance Committee reserves the right to request additional information. Incomplete scholarship applications will be delayed and may be rejected.

III – SEONA HÉRAIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Seona Heraïl Scholarship is a merit scholarship granted by the Lycée, upon recommendation from a pedagogical committee, to a high school student (9th to 12th Grade) who does not benefit from any other financial aid. This is a four year scholarship for ¼ of a full tuition, renewed annually as long as the student remains eligible. Financial documents may be requested from the parents of the scholarship recipient. Additional information is available through the business office.

IV – OUTSIDE FINANCIAL AID

A number of programs in the Bay Area provide scholarships to assist in paying private school tuition. Parents are encouraged to consult the following website: www.baprivateschools.com/financing.htm or contact:

Name	Telephone number	Website	For the following grade levels
The Guardsmen	(415) 781-6785	guardsmen.org	K through 6 th grade
The Basic Fund	(415) 986-5650	basicfund.org	K through 8 th grade
San Francisco Independent Schol	(415) 561-4607	pacificresearch.org	8 th through 11 th grade
Marin Education Fund	(415) 459-4240	marineducationfund.org	*restrictions

*For Marin County residents who are enrolled part-time or full-time in accredited or approved post-secondary education or training institutions, have children age 10 or under, and are able to demonstrate financial need.

This list is not exhaustive and we recommend you conduct your own search for other available resources.