

## **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.

### **I - FRENCH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID**

#### **A - Requirements for French Government Financial Aid or Tuition Subsidies for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

##### **10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE TUITION SUBSIDIES:**

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

Applications should be submitted to the Lycée Business Office before the deadline indicated on the French Consulate's website.

##### **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 which may be calculated based on a maximum tuition fee.

##### **Where**

Financial aid forms are available on the French Consulate's website ([consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org](http://www.consulfrance-sanfrancisco.org)), on the Lycée Français La Pérouse's website or at the reception desk of each of the Lycée's campuses.

##### **When**

Families arriving in the U.S. after April 2011 submitting a first time application for a French Government financial aid for 2011-12 must do so by beginning of September 2011 (TBD). 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 application will be rejected.

##### **Submission of your application**

Before submitting your application, please make an appointment with the Business Office Department (415) 661-5232 x1701/1702 /1711 or [intendance@lelycee.org](mailto:intendance@lelycee.org) to review and sign your completed application. Then, make an appointment with Ms. Carine Courcoux, at the French Consulate, to submit your application in person. Ms. Carine Courcoux can be contacted by telephone at (415) 616-4913 or by e-mail at [carine.courcoux@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:carine.courcoux@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

## **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'Étranger (<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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 PreK2 through 12<sup>th</sup> 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) as well as submit copies of the documents listed below to the Lycée's Business Office.

### **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**

1. **Online SSS application** (*An online PFS submission is a flat fee of \$35*)
  - Go to <http://sss.nais.org> and click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only have to complete one PFS for all children. **The Lycée Français La Pérouse SSS code is 1907.**
  - You will be given a password that will allow you to return to your PFS at a later date before submitting it and instructions about submitting required back up documents by mail.

**Note:** *If you apply for financial aid online, your information will be delivered more quickly to the school, allowing you to receive a faster reply to your request.*

2. **SSS application by mail** (*A paper PFS submission is a flat fee of \$47*)
  - Parent Financial Statement (PFS) forms are available at the reception desk of each campus. You only have to complete one PFS for all children. **The SSS code for Lycée Français La Pérouse is 1907.**
  - Complete your PFS and return it with the cover sheet and all required backup documents to: SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449.

**Call (800) 344-8328 with any questions (Mon - Fri: 6am - 5pm Sat: 6am - 1pm)**

3. **Additional documents to be sent to SSS or uploaded on their website:**
  - Letter explaining your financial difficulties and the amount of help needed
  - Current and complete 2010 tax return documents including all schedules (1040, 540, both parents' W2s). If they have not been completed yet, please mail a copy of your 2009 tax return and schedules. Financial aid awards will not be confirmed until the Lycée receives your updated IRS 1040 tax return and schedules.
  - IRS Form 4506T signed and undated

**The Finance Committee reserves the right to request additional information. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be processed.**

## **III – SEONA HÉRAIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Seona Herais 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](http://www.baprivateschools.com/financing.htm) or contact:

Name	Telephone number	Website	For the following grade levels
The Guardsmen	(415) 781-6785	<a href="http://guardsmen.org">guardsmen.org</a>	K through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade
The Basic Fund	(415) 986-5650	<a href="http://basicfund.org">basicfund.org</a>	K through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
San Francisco Independent Scholars	(415) 561-4607	<a href="http://pacificresearch.org">pacificresearch.org</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> through 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
Marin Education Fund	(415) 459-4240	<a href="http://marineducationfund.org">marineducationfund.org</a>	*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.