



Alliance Française de Nashville

Nina Walls Scholarship

February 8, 2017

Dear French Teacher:

The Alliance Française de Nashville is pleased to announce the Nina Walls Scholarship for 2017. Please use the following information yourself, or pass it on to others who may be interested.

The Nina Walls Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Nina Walls, a founding member of the Alliance Française de Nashville. Her deep interest in France and in the French language was an inspiration to all who knew her.

FEATURES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Nina Walls Scholarship will enable the recipient to attend a month-long session this summer (either in June or July) at the Alliance Française in Lyon, France. The recipient will be lodged in a French home and will eat with the family in the mornings at breakfast and in the evenings at dinner.

The scholarship will pay for the cost of tuition and fees at the Alliance Française de Lyon and for room and half-board with a French family. The scholarship will also contribute \$1,500 toward the recipient's travel or other expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

One of the major purposes of the scholarship is to give an individual who is currently teaching French the opportunity to absorb French culture while improving his or her fluency in the language. Any certified, full-time teacher who is presently teaching French in a Middle Tennessee school at the elementary, secondary, or junior college level, who has been teaching French for three years or more, and who has never been awarded the Nina Walls scholarship, is eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Nina Walls Scholarship application packet will consist of the following:

- completed application form
- a letter written in English giving reasons for the applicant's suitability for the scholarship
- a resume
- one letter of recommendation from someone in a supervisory position (principal, assistant principal, or department chair)

If sending by regular mail, send packet to: Alliance Française de Nashville
c/o Marci Angevine, Director of
Scholarships
3517 Donna Kay Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

If sending by email (preferred), send to: angevinem@hotmail.com

All application packets must be postmarked (if sent by regular mail) or received (if sent electronically) by **Wednesday, March 15th, 2017.**

SELECTION

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a selection committee of Alliance Française board members. The committee will interview applicants on the afternoon of **Saturday, March 25th**, at the AFN Resource Center, Suite 109, Glen Echo Building, 2000 Glen Echo Road, Nashville. Applicants will be notified of the times of the interviews. The interviews will be conducted in both French and English. The selection of the 2017 Nina Walls Scholar will be made soon after the interviews and notified on **Saturday, April 1st**.

A number of factors will be weighed in the selection process including, but not limited to, the following:

- level of French as evidenced in interviews
- evidence of professional commitment
- future career plans in education
- need for an immersion experience in a francophone country

OTHER

The Alliance will ask the recipient of the 2017 Nina Walls Scholarship to present a program at the AFN August cultural soirée, discussing experiences in Lyon and how those experiences will likely impact his/her teaching. (The soirée will be on Friday evening, **August 25th, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm.**)

If you have any questions, please contact me at angevinem@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Marci Angevine, Director of Scholarships

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