



Alliance Française

*Nashville*

Dear French Teacher:

Alliance Française de Nashville is pleased to announce the Nina Walls Scholarship for 2019. 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 Alliance Française de Nashville. Her deep interest 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 an Alliance Française in a francophone country. The recipient will be lodged in a home with French speakers and will eat with the family at breakfast and at dinner.

The scholarship will pay for the cost of tuition and fees at the Alliance Française and for room and half-board with the 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 applicant will submit a packet consisting of the following items:

- Completed application form
- Letter written in English giving reasons for the applicant's suitability for the scholarship
- Resume
- 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  
Attn: Jessie Angel  
PO Box 158646  
Nashville, TN 37215

If sending by email (preferred), send packet to

[information@afnashville.org](mailto:information@afnashville.org)

All application packets must be postmarked (if sent by regular mail) or received (if sent electronically) by Friday, March 1, 2019.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at the AFN Resource Center, 2000 Glen Echo Road, Suite 109, Nashville, 37215. If an applicant cannot attend an interview on this date, other arrangements may be made. The interviews will be conducted in both French and English. The selection of the 2019 Nina Walls Scholar will be made soon after the interviews, and the Scholar will be notified by Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alliance Française de Nashville will require the recipient of the 2019 Nina Walls Scholarship to make a presentation at the August 2019 soirée, discussing the immersion experience and how the experience will likely have an impact on his or her teaching. The soirée will take place on the evening of Friday, August 30, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jessie@afnashville.org](mailto:jessie@afnashville.org).

Sincerely,

Jessie Angel, Ex-Officio Board Member  
Alliance Française de Nashville