



Alliance Française

Nashville

Dear French Teacher:

Alliance Française de Nashville is pleased to announce the Nina Walls Scholarship for 2020. 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 often with the family.

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

All application packets must be postmarked (if sent by regular mail) or received (if sent electronically) by Friday, March 6, 2020.

SELECTION

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a selection committee of Alliance Française board members and volunteers. The committee will interview applicants on the afternoon of Saturday, March 28 at the AFN Resource Center, 4004 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 237-B, 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 2020 Nina Walls Scholar will be made soon after the interviews, and the Scholar will be notified by Saturday, April 11.

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 2020 Nina Walls Scholarship to make a presentation at the August 2020 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 28, 2020 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact me at information@afnashville.org.

Sincerely,

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