**FSL Bursary Application Questionnaire (2025-2026 Academic Year)**

**Saint Mary’s University**

**Department of Languages and Cultures – French Program**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Bursaries for Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language Program, funded by the Government of Canada and administered by the Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne (ACUFC), aims to encourage students whose first official language spoken is English, to pursue their postsecondary studies in French.

If your first official language spoken is English and you are pursuing your postsecondary studies in French in Canada, you could be eligible for a non-renewable $3,000 bursary!

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

* Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
* Have English as the first Canadian official language spoken.
* Have completed their high school studies in an English or non-official language (neither French nor English) institution, and graduated from said institution.
* Be enrolled full-time in a university program delivered in French at SMU.
* Take at least 50% of their courses and participate in related activities (placements and training activities in the community) in French.

Special consideration will be given to students facing financial challenges and those who come from under-represented groups.

NOT ELIGIBLE: Students whose first Canadian official language spoken is French or who are graduates of a French-language secondary school. International students and refugees.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: June 15, 2025**

1. **Your name and Banner number (A00…)**
2. **I certify that I am a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.**

Yes

No

1. **I certify that English is my first Canadian official language spoken.**

Yes

No

1. **Personal details**

Date of birth (yyyy-mm-dd):

Age (as of November 1, 2025):

1. **What gender do you identify with?**

Female

Male

Non-binary

Other (please specify)

Prefer not to answer

1. **Education level**

Undergraduate certificate or diploma

Undergraduate degree

Master's degree

1. **Program of study undertaken:**
2. **I am enrolled in a university program delivered in French.**

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

1. **Year of study**

First year

Second year or more

1. **Enrolment status**

Full-time

Part-time and deemed full-time

Part-time

1. **I certify that at least 50% of my courses and related activities (placements and training activities in the community) will be conducted in French during the 2025-2026 academic year.**

Yes

No

Don't know

1. **I plan to use supports offered by my post-secondary institution that allow me to use and improve my French skills. For example: additional French classes, tutoring, correction or revision services, conversation group, French association or club, etc.**

Yes

No

Don't know

1. **I plan to take part in cultural activities in French to learn more about Francophone culture. For example: cinema, theatre, concerts/shows, book fairs, festivals, organised trips, etc.**

Yes

No

Don't know

1. **Name of the secondary school from which I graduated:**
2. **Language of use of the secondary school from which I graduated:**

English-language institution (includes those offering FSL programs such as Core French, Intensive French and French Immersion)

French-language institution

Other (please specify)

1. **Province or territory of origin or residence**

Newfoundland and Labrador

Prince Edward Island

Nova Scotia

New Brunswick

Quebec

Ontario

Manitoba

Saskatchewan

Alberta

British Columbia

Yukon

Northwest Territories

Nunavut

Other (please specify)

1. **Language(s) spoken at home**

English

English and French

French

Other (please specify)

1. **I am an Indigenous student (i.e., First Nations, Metis or Inuit).**

Yes

No

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

1. **I belong to an under-represented or a disadvantaged or visible minority group.**

Yes (please specify)

No

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

1. **I am part of the first generation of my family to pursue postsecondary education.**

Yes

No

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

1. **I am experiencing financial difficulties. For example: Low-income family, dependent child(ren), no financial contribution from parents or spouse.**

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

1. **I have applied for a student loan.**

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

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