

Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities Scholarship **Application procedures**

The **Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities Committee** is pleased to offer each year one or more Nason-Goodman scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students of French planning to study in Lyon for an academic year or a semester or the equivalent. Availability and the amount of the scholarship are dependent on the yield of the Committee's fund-raising program.

Deadline for Academic year 2019-2020: 29 April 2019

I. Eligibility requirements:

Applicants should have:

- at least sophomore standing at one of the Saint Louis area universities
- the intention of pursuing studies given in the French language in Lyon *and* upon return to the U.S.

II. How to apply:

1. Speak with the Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities Committee **university coordinator** (*names indicated below*) prior to submitting the application.

2. Complete the application form (see attached).

3. ***“Why I want to study in Lyon”*** (1 – 1 ½ p.)

Explain your background in French and how study in Lyon will enhance your cultural understanding and benefit your academic and career goals. Indicate how you might help promote to other students the advantages of study in Lyon upon your return to Saint Louis.

4. Include with your application:

- an official transcript and a list of courses you are currently taking.
- two letters of recommendation (see application form for details).
- confirmation that you have been accepted in a university-approved program to study in Lyon.

5. Interview.

After submission of the complete application, the candidate will be contacted to arrange a time for an interview.

Note: *Some factors taken under consideration by the Committee are:*

- *GPA,*
- *whether the candidate is a French major,*
- *whether the student will be spending the full academic year in Lyon,*
- *a willingness to promote Saint Louis-Lyon cultural ties.*

Send complete applications to:

Dr. Cassandra Hamrick
Morrissey Hall 1525
Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO 63108

III. Obligations of the awardees:

- **Reports:**

Whether they benefit from a one-semester scholarship or a two-semester academic year scholarship, students submit a report describing their activities during the previous semester in Lyon. Students studying in Lyon during the Fall semester need to submit their report to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee by **January 18, 2020**. Students participating in a university approved one-semester in Lyon program during the Spring, 2020 semester should plan to send in their report by **May 1, 2020**.

Students benefiting from a Saint Louis-Lyon scholarship that supports study in Lyon over the entire academic year (two semesters) receive the first installment of their scholarship in August prior to their departure to Lyon. The second disbursement, corresponding to the Spring semester, is made after the mid-year report has been received.

- **Presentation:**

To help encourage on-going efforts in support of the scholarship fund, returning scholarship holders are encouraged to continue the past awardees' tradition of participating in the annual fund-raising dinner held in November. At the dinner, returning scholarship winners are asked to speak briefly (5-6 minutes) on their experience in Lyon.

- **Outreach:**

So as to enhance the Committee's mission to foster cultural exchanges among the citizens of St. Louis and Lyon, returning awardees should be available to give classroom presentations at their home university on their Lyon experience and to help publicize the Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities scholarship.

Returning Scholarship Awardees are also encouraged to attend the annual meeting, known as the *Goûter*, generally held in February or early March. At this meeting, returning awardees meet and share their Lyon experiences informally with members.

Membership:

Sister Cities awardees are granted a two-year membership in the organization that covers a) the year they are in Lyon, and b) the year following their return to St. Louis. Former scholarship winners are encouraged to continue to support the St. Louis – Lyon efforts to enhance cultural ties between the twin cities through their annual membership in the Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities organization and funding-raising events.

Saint Louis-Lyon Sister Cities Scholarship Application

See "How to apply" (p. 1) above before completing.

Name:	
Permanent address:	
Tel. (local): Cell:	e-mail address:
University where currently enrolled: Expected graduation date:	Year of study when in Lyon: Sophomore: ____ Junior: ____ Senior: ____
Major(s):	
Minor(s):	
Years of French studied: High school: _____ University: _____ French course(s) currently taking: Anticipated course work in French when you return from Lyon:	Overall GPA: _____ GPA in French: _____
Previous experience abroad:	

Please submit with your application form:

1. **Why I Want To Study in Lyon" (1 – 1 ½ p.):** The essay should be written in English. Explain your background in French and how study in Lyon will enhance your cultural understanding and benefit your academic and career goals. *Please also indicate whether you would be willing to participate in the efforts of the Committee to help promote the advantages of study in Lyon upon your return to Saint Louis.*
2. an official transcript (include list of courses currently taking).
3. two letters of recommendation addressing your qualifications and your ability to adapt to new environments.

- a) One letter should be from your advisor or a professor in one of your major areas of study.
Please indicate name of person/position: _____
- b) The other letter should be from a French professor.
Name of person/position: _____
- 4. Confirmation that you have been accepted in a university-approved program to study in Lyon.