

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 grant are dependent on the yield of the Committee's fund-raising program.

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.

Application procedure:

1. **File:** Interested students should speak with the **university coordinator** (*names indicated below*) for the Saint Louis-Lyon Committee *prior* to submitting the application, which includes the following:
 - a completed application form (available from the university coordinator);
 - a personal statement explaining your background in French and how study in Lyon in particular would enhance your cultural understanding and benefit your academic and career goals;
 - an official transcript and list of courses currently taking;
 - two letters of recommendation addressing your qualifications and your ability to adapt to new environments. One letter should be from your advisor or a professor in your major area of study; the other letter should be from a French professor;
 - Confirmation that you have been accepted in a university-approved program to study in Lyon.

Saint Louis-Lyon Cities university coordinators for 2009:

Saint Louis University:
 Dr. Cassandra Hamrick
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University of Missouri-St. Louis:
 Ms Traci Wilson
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Note: *Some factors taken under consideration by the Committee are the 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.*

2. **Interview:** Selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the Committee.
3. **Send complete applications by April 8, 2009 to:**

Dr. Cassandra Hamrick
 Department of Modern and Classical Languages
 Saint Louis University
 221 N. Grand Blvd.
 Saint Louis, MO 63103

Obligations of the awardees:

Students benefiting from a Saint Louis-Lyon scholarship are asked to submit a report of their Lyon experience to the secretary of the Committee upon completion of their program. If the grant is distributed in two parts (August and January), a letter describing their Fall semester studies in Lyon is due by **January 28, 2010** before the second disbursement can be made.

Sister Cities awardees are granted a two-year membership in the organization that covers 1) the year they are in Lyon and 2) the year following their return to St. Louis.

So as to enhance the Committee's mission to foster cultural exchanges among the citizens of St. Louis and Lyon, returning awardees are asked to attend one of the events sponsored by the Committee, such as the annual fund-raising dinner in November, or the "Goûter", usually held in February.

Awardees should also 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.

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Please see "Application procedures" before completing.

Name:	
Local address:	
Tel. (local): Cell:	e-mail address:
University where currently enrolled:	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:	Overall GPA: _____ GPA in French: _____
Previous experience abroad:	

Please submit with your application form:

1. a personal statement explaining your background in French and how study in Lyon in particular would enhance your cultural understanding and benefit your academic and career goals.
2. an official transcript (please 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.