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Alliance Française de Philadelphie Announces 2026 Scholarship Program

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The Alliance Française de Philadelphie is pleased to announce that we will again be offering two scholarships this coming year for the study of French.

[The Pierre C. Fraley Scholarship](#) is a monetary award of \$3,000. It is intended to allow students to increase their language proficiency in French and to enrich their understanding of francophone culture and contemporary society.

This current year, the Fraley scholarship's beneficiary was **Stephanie Lopez**, who attended the 2025 Summer Immersion Program at the Université Laval in Quebec City, Canada. Stephanie is currently completing a Double Major in Political Science and Spanish at Haverford College. Excerpt from Stephanie's report:

"The whole trip was an incredible experience, and I am extremely grateful to everyone who made it possible. An opportunity like this for a college student can open up a wide range of possibilities because of the profound language and culture immersion. The friends I made along the way and all the adventures I experienced will forever stay with me. Coming back to my fall semester of college, I feel more confident in my French skills and ready to continue learning such a beautiful language."

[The Marie Louise Vermeiren Jackson Scholarship](#) consists of a monetary award of \$3,000. It is also granted to a student, but the jury will also consider candidates who are young professionals or want to apply for the TAPIF program.

Eliza Mast is the 2025 Marie-Louise Vermeiren Jackson Scholarship recipient. Eliza is currently a student at Messiah University, where she is majoring in social work and minoring in French. To complete her minor, she is currently studying abroad in Strasbourg, France, through the program Accès in the fall semester of 2025. In her application, Eliza stated: *"Continued French study will help me to be able to communicate effectively with more diverse populations in my career. I am passionate about fostering community, bridging gaps between diverse cultures, and promoting appreciation of French language and culture."*

We are currently ready to receive applications for 2026. The deadline to apply is **February 15th, 2026**. Awardees will be contacted by March 15th, 2026.

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