

## **The John Philip Couch Scholarship for Study Abroad in France**

The John Philip Couch Scholarship was created through a generous gift to the North Carolina chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (**NC-AATF**) in the will of Dr. “Phil” Couch, a longtime professor of French at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who passed away on March 12, 2006.

The scholarship is used to support study in France for deserving college or university students of French. The NC-AATF has created an educational endowment fund that will normally produce funds for one or more scholarships to be awarded each year. Preference will be given to students applying to **yearlong programs** (although semester awards are common), and whose families have **resided in North Carolina for a substantial number of years**. The scholarship may not be used for participation in a summer program.

The amount and number of the scholarships may vary according to the performance of the endowment fund. It is anticipated that a **\$6,000 scholarship** will be awarded to a student enrolled in a yearlong program. A student in a semester program will receive **\$3,500**. Multiple scholarships have been awarded in recent years, which increases the chances of all applicants.

The **2014-2015** scholarships will be awarded to **undergraduate students** who will have declared a **French major** and completed at least two French courses beyond the intermediate level in an accredited college or university in North Carolina. The above requirements must be met before the student begins an organized study abroad program in France approved by the student’s school. The study program must yield **academic credit** in the candidate’s home university. A minimum **2.75 accumulative average** (on a 4.0 scale) is required for application.

Candidates for a John Philip Couch Scholarship must be **nominated by their major department** in their home institution. For the **2014-2015** year, one undergraduate student may be nominated per institution.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a **non-native speaker of French**.

### **The application file must contain:**

- a) a completed graduate or undergraduate application form;
- b) a 250 to 500-word essay by the candidate, in French, explaining the candidate’s reasons for planning to study in France, including career goals (see the graduate student application form as regards this requirement);

- c) two letters of recommendation, preferably from French professors in the candidate's department;
- d) an official academic transcript from the home institution;
- e) a statement from the Registrar that the candidate is in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standing with the home institution, and that the program of studies in France in which the candidate is enrolled will yield academic credit at that institution upon successful completion or is an integral part of a graduate degree program in French.

Requests for further information may be addressed to Dr. Alan Singerman, Richardson Professor Emeritus of French, Davidson College, at: [alsingerman@davidson.edu](mailto:alsingerman@davidson.edu).

Completed applications must be sent (postmarked) by **March 1, 2014**, to:

**Dr. Alan Singerman**  
**NC-AATF Administrator, John Philip Couch Scholarship**  
**190 Canterbury Place Rd.**  
 **Mooresville, NC 28115**

The winner(s) of the award will be announced no later than **April 15, 2014**.

\*Please note that any scholarship monies will be **paid directly to the study abroad program** in which the recipient is enrolled and may be used to cover tuition, fees, room, and board, and travel expenses related to that program.

Upon return from their study abroad program in France, recipients of a John Philip Couch Scholarship will be invited to either write a short article about their experience (to be published on the NC-AATF webpage or blog) or to make a presentation at a NC-AATF meeting during the year following their return.

*The NC-AATF reserves the right not to award a scholarship in any given year.*



Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the study program in France to which you have applied. Please indicate if it is a semester (fall? spring?) or yearlong program.

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This candidate is in good academic, financial, and disciplinary standing with this institution. The program of studies in France in which the candidate is enrolling will yield academic credit at this institution upon successful completion of that program.

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Registrar's Signature

Please print name

Date

**Please also include the following in your application packet:**

- a) a 250 to 500-word essay, in French, explaining your reasons for planning to study in France (including career goals);
- b) two letters of recommendation from French professors in your department. These letters should address your proficiency in French, your seriousness of purpose, the quality of your coursework, and your level of energy and enthusiasm as a French student.
- c) an official academic transcript from the home institution.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION FILE IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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