

2024 FAQ's

What is the Serge Bellanger Scholarship about?

The Serge Bellanger French-American Business Scholarship Program, administered by the French-American Chamber of Commerce Foundation (FACC Foundation), holds great significance in honoring the legacy of Mr. Bellanger, who served as the longest-standing president of the FACC. Launched in 2012, this program aims to support the education and training of the next generation of transatlantic business leaders. Through its highly selective scholarship program, the FACC Foundation provides financial assistance—each valued at \$10,000—to French students pursuing an MBA in the U.S. and American students seeking to pursue an MBA, a Master's degree, or a Mastère Spécialisé in a business-related discipline in France. To date, the FACC Foundation has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships. This initiative not only reflects Mr. Bellanger's commitment to integrity, inspiration, and vision but also plays a crucial role in fostering strong ties within the French-American business community. The program contributes to the development of future leaders, emphasizing merit-based awards to deserving candidates and promoting educational opportunities across borders.

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

The Serge Bellanger French-American Business Scholarship Program is open to citizens of France and/or the United States. Eligible candidates include those seeking to pursue an MBA in the U.S. or a master's degree or Mastère Spécialisé in a business-related discipline in France. To apply, candidates must have gained acceptance into an accredited business school program in the United States or France. Specifically, those pursuing degrees such as an MSc in Finance or Marketing in a business school are eligible, while those pursuing a law degree, even in a business law area, are not eligible.

Additionally, the scholarships aim to promote international exchange, requiring applicants to be "moving overseas" to pursue their graduate degrees. French nationals meeting certain criteria, including those who attended elementary or high school in the United States or another non-French country but completed their undergraduate degree in France, may be eligible. Similarly, French nationals who attended a U.S.-based university as part of their French undergraduate program (for a maximum of one year) may qualify for a scholarship to a U.S.-based business school, provided they graduated from a non-U.S.-based undergraduate program. However, a French national who received an undergraduate degree from an American university would not be eligible for a scholarship to attend

graduate school in the United States. The ultimate determination of a candidate's eligibility to apply for a scholarship is in the absolute discretion of the Foundation.

How can I apply for the scholarship?

Applications are submitted through the myKaleidoscope platform.

What documents do I need to submit with my application?

You will be required to submit unofficial college transcripts, GMAT/GRE results (if applicable), a personal essay, a graduate school acceptance letter, two letters of recommendation, and a résumé.

Do I have to already be accepted to a program to apply for the scholarship?

Yes, only applications with a graduate school acceptance letter will be considered.

Is there a deadline for submitting my application?

The deadline is March 31st, 2024 EST.

Can I edit my application after submission?

No, applications are finalized once submitted.

How are scholarship recipients selected?

The selection process for scholarship recipients involves a thorough review of all applicants by a carefully chosen panel of jury members. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in an initial interview, and finalists may undergo a second interview for further assessment. The ultimate decision on scholarship awards is then determined by the panel of jury members in a collaborative committee format, ensuring a comprehensive and fair evaluation of each candidate's qualifications and potential.

When will scholarship recipients be notified?

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of June 2024.

How will I be notified if I receive the scholarship?

Winners will be notified by email.

How are the funds dispersed?

Scholarships are paid directly to the graduate school and cannot under any circumstances be used other than towards tuition at the school where the student has matriculated.

Is the scholarship renewable?

Winners are eligible to apply for another scholarship, but priority is given to first-time applicants.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

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