

FIT

French Immersion for Teachers

Official Minority Language Teachers Award 2006

Federal-Provincial Program for
Official Languages in Education

Canada 

Manitoba 

Aim

The aim of *French Immersion for Teachers (FIT)* is to encourage teachers of French or prospective teachers of French to improve their language and pedagogical skills during the summer at the *Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface*. It is funded by the Official Languages in Education Program of the Government of Canada and Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant;
2. be a Manitoba resident;
3. hold a valid Manitoba teacher's certificate;
4. teach in French in an immersion program or teach Basic French, or be designated by his/her school division as a potential teacher of or in French (substitute teachers may also be designated by a school division), or Faculty of Education graduates, or be a coordinator, consultant, librarian, or member of the administrative personnel of immersion programs, or Basic French;
5. be registered full-time for *FIT* offered at the *Collège* from July 3 to July 21, 2006.

Amount of Bursary

A bursary in the amount of \$800 will be awarded to students attending *FIT* for the three-week program and will be paid directly to the *Collège* on their behalf.

The minister may cancel or reduce, or require repayment of all or part of any bursary, on discovery of misrepresentation or error in the application or other information leading to the provision of the bursary or other grounds that the minister considers sufficient.

Application Procedure

1. Complete all sections of the application form.
2. Your school principal must verify the information and sign section 2E "Work and Education History".
3. Submit **photocopies** of the following:
 - a) proof of citizenship, i.e. a valid Canadian passport, birth certificate or proof of landed immigrant (permanent resident) status;
 - b) your Social Insurance Card or some other document proving that you have a Social Insurance Number;
 - c) your Manitoba teacher's certificate.

Submit application and required documents by mail or fax to:

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMS

Bureau de l'éducation française
509-1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3G 0T3
Fax: (204) 945-1625

Deadline: April 30, 2006

Distribution of the Bursaries

The bursaries will be granted based on the funding allocated to each school division. If the requests exceed the funds allocated, the school division will then have to prioritise them. In addition, a small amount of funding is reserved for teachers without a permanent position and bursaries in that category will be granted on a first come, first served basis. All applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list in the order they were received and will be considered only after all applications have been processed and only if there are funds remaining. Applicants will be formally notified in writing of the decision. **All bursaries are taxable income.**

Please note that any changes in your program of study must be reported **immediately** to the Coordinator of Official Languages Programs at the Bureau de l'éducation française.

