Scholarships  
UWM-French

If you are a French student at UWM, you may be eligible to apply for the scholarships listed below. You can apply for one or more of these using the attached form. If you don’t have current FAFSA scores but would like to be considered for a scholarship that requires them, submit the scholarship application form by the deadline and complete the FAFSA form as soon as possible. You don’t need to send us FAFSA scores: the university receives them automatically and forwards information about financial need to the scholarship committee. Please note that for scholarships listing “academic achievement” (also referred to as “academic merit”) among its criteria, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA at the time they apply and must maintain a 3.0 GPA during the scholarship award period.

The Emmanuelle Leah Fetter Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship of $2,000 is awarded annually in memory of Leah Fetter, who was a gifted French student at UWM. The scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. Applicants must be French majors and have current FAFSA scores to be eligible. Students must also be studying on the UWM campus in Milwaukee during the semester they apply for the scholarship. Preference will be given to a female student if all other qualifications are equal.

The Emmanuelle Leah Fetter Merit Scholarship

This scholarship of $1,000 is awarded annually, in the name of Leah Fetter, a bright and dedicated former student in UWM French. The scholarship is awarded, based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need, to a UWM student who is going to participate in one of UWM’s study-abroad or exchange programs in French-speaking countries. Applicants must be French majors and have current FAFSA scores to be eligible.

The Marielle Schirmer Scholarship

This scholarship of $1,000 is awarded annually in the memory of Professor Mariele Schirmer, who taught both French and German at Wisconsin State College, one of UWM’s predecessor institutions. It is awarded to one French major and one German major every year.

The Martha Best / Martine Meyer Scholarship

This scholarship of $2,000 is offered in the names of two highly esteemed former professors in the UWM French program. Their excellence and dedication set a high standard that our program strives to maintain. The prize is awarded, based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need, to an undergraduate who is studying French. Applicants must have current FAFSA scores to be eligible. Priority will be given to students planning to become French teachers.

Application Information and Deadlines

Scholarship applications should be mailed/dropped off (in hardcopy) or emailed (in PDF) to Nicolas Russell (UWM French, russelnc@uwm.edu), Department of French, Italian, and Comparative Literature, 772 Curtin Hall, UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Applications must be received by Monday, 12 March 2018 to ensure consideration.
2018 UWM French Scholarship Application

Name _______________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State & zip code ________________

Phone number ____________________________

Email address ___________________________________

Student # ________________________________ (This is necessary for processing checks.)

Circle/Mark the scholarship(s) for which you wish to be considered:

  The Emmanuelle Leah Fetter Memorial Scholarship
  The Leah Fetter Merit Scholarship
  The Mariele Schirmer Scholarship
  The Martha Best / Martine Meyer Prize

Please include the following in your application:

• A recent copy of your transcript (An unofficial copy is acceptable.)
• A short letter to Nicolas Russell (Associate Professor of French) listing your UWM French teachers and including information about your financial need and current support.

Special instructions for particular scholarships:

The Emmanuelle Leah Fetter Memorial Scholarship: Just follow the above indications.

The Leah Fetter Merit Scholarship: In your letter, indicate which study-abroad program you have selected and why.

The Mariele Schirmer Scholarship: You can apply for this scholarship as above, or if you are a German major you can apply through the Coordinator of UWM-German.

The Martha Best / Martine Meyer Scholarship: If you plan to become a French teacher, explain, in your letter, why you have made this decision and indicate any steps you have already taken towards this goal.