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The Acadian Foundation for Student Financial Aid Launches the 2017 Scholarship and bursary competition

SUMMERSIDE, April 05, 2017 – The Acadian Foundation for Student Financial Aid invites those who would like to pursue postsecondary study in French next September to apply for scholarships until the deadline of May 28, 2017. The application guide and form are available online on the Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (SSTA) website (www.ssta.org).

To qualify, students must be of Acadian origin, or Francophone or Francophile; and must have lived on P.E.I. for at least three years by the time of applying. At the time of applying, students under 18 years of age must have a parent who is a member of the SSTA. Students over 18 years of age must become members of the SSTA to be considered for a bursary. Individuals can become a member by following the directions on the SSTA website at www.ssta.org

In addition to these conditions, applicants must be registered in a postsecondary program at a French-language institution or in a recognized bilingual program.

Here is the list of scholarships offered for 2017-2018:

- **Bourse J.-Henri-Blanchard** (\$1,000);
- **Bourses Monseigneur-Jean-Chiasson and bourse Père-Emmanuel-Richard** (six bursaries worth \$500 each);
- **Bourse Monseigneur-Jean-François-Buote – 1^{er} cycle** (\$1,000 at the Bachelor's level);
- **Bourse Monseigneur-Jean-François-Buote - 2^e cycle** (\$1,000 at the Master's level);
- **Bourse Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin** (\$1,000 and reserved for theological study or study in a field where there is a lack of French human resources available, like health, science, law, education and medicine);
- **Bourse JAFLIPE** (\$500 and reserved for a member of JAFLIPE who is pursuing postsecondary study in French);
- **Bourse des arts** (\$400 and exclusively for artistic development in one of the following disciplines: theatre, music, dance, visual arts, film and literature);
- **Bourse de la Fondation des œuvres acadiennes** (\$250 and reserved for a student officially registered in a college or university communications program or another program related to French media);
- **Bourse de la Fédération des parents de l'Î.-P.-É.** (\$500 and reserved for a student officially registered in an early childhood development program, renewable for a second year if average is kept above 80%);
- **Bourse de l'Université d'Ottawa** (\$4,000 and for a student officially registered at the University of Ottawa who is a resident of P.E.I.).

All applications must be received by **May 28, 2017** at the latest.

La Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin is the official spokesperson of Acadians and Francophones on Prince Edward Island. It is our mandate to assure that all Acadians and Francophones can live and thrive individually and collectively in French on Prince Edward Island.

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