E. CATHERINE BARCLAY SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN FRANCE, 2021/22

Donor: Friends of E. Catherine Barclay
Value: $7500 (funds will be disbursed in equal instalments in September and January)
Deadline for applications: March 30, 2021

The award is offered to a full-time student registered in any faculty at the University of Calgary intending to pursue studies in France through an official exchange program. Award-holders must select courses in which the language of instruction is French.

The award is based on academic merit and sufficient ability in oral and written French to allow the pursuit of studies in the language. In addition, extracurricular activities exhibiting qualities of good citizenship and concern for others will be taken into consideration. A complete transcript must be submitted with the application.

Applicants must undertake to enroll as full-time students. In addition to applying for the award, students must apply for an exchange by following the instructions section at https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/program-finder

Who Was E. Catherine Barclay?

E. Catherine Barclay (1902-1985) was a blazer of many trails during her lifetime, and far more than a respected and beloved teacher of English and French.

During her career as a high school teacher in Calgary, including 18 years (1937-1955) at Western Canada High, she spearheaded a minor revolution by encouraging – sometimes insisting – that her students speak French in the classroom. A great believer in student exchanges, she was instrumental in establishing a Summer School Scholarship to Quebec and France. In addition, she played a key role in creating the French section of the Banff School of Fine Arts and opening the Calgary branch of Alliance Française. In keeping with her desire to foster international goodwill and understanding, she engaged in the activities of the Calgary branch of the United Nations for many years.

In 1933, in a rented tent measuring 12’ x 14’, she and her sister Mary set up the first youth hostel in North America at Bragg Creek, Alberta. In recognition of their pioneering work in hostelling, Catherine and Mary were honored in 1973 by the Calgary Jaycees as Citizens of the Year. Later that same year the Government of Alberta also recognized the outstanding achievements of the two sisters at a special awards ceremony. In 1975 the Barclay sisters were honored with the Richard Schirrmann Medal presented by the International Hostelling Association of Germany.

The E. Catherine Barclay Award was established by a dedicated group of her friends, colleagues and former students to honour the memory of this exceptional educator and world citizen. To preserve the ideals and goals of Catherine Barclay, the award provides the opportunity for recipients to pursue their chosen areas of studies in France, to perfect their knowledge of French, to gain experience and an appreciation for living in another culture, and hopefully to acquire something of Catherine’s world view of the family of nations.
1. Mr. □ Ms. □ ___________________________ ___________________________  
   SURNAME  GIVEN NAMES

2. University of Calgary ID ________________

3. CURRENT ADDRESS
   Street ___________________________  Street ___________________________
   City ___________________________    City ___________________________
   Province/Country ____________________ Province/Country ____________________
   Postal Code _______________________ Postal Code _______________________
   Home Telephone _____________________ Home Telephone ___________________ 
   Other Telephone _____________________ Other Telephone ___________________

   PERMANENT ADDRESS □ Same as current

4. DATE OF BIRTH  Year _________  Month _________  Day _________

5. For the upcoming year, are you planning to be registered in full-time studies for the period October through May at a partner institution in France?  
   YES □  NO □  □
   Year Entering:  □ 2nd  □ 3rd  □ 4th  □ Other _________
   Faculty ___________________________  Major ___________________________

6. State your reasons for pursuing studies in France

7. Outline your extra-curricular activities demonstrating qualities of good citizenship and a concern for others  
   You may attach a separate sheet, if necessary
8. Briefly outline your future career plans


9. Have you ever lived outside Alberta?  Yes ☐ No ☐  If so, when/where? Please comment on your experience


10. Which cultural differences do you foresee about living in France?


11. References

A written Reference Letter Request Form must be given to each referee as confirmation of your request for a reference (copy attached). We recommend that you contact your referees as early as possible.

A) Provide ONE confidential letter of recommendation from a person who can attest to your cultural aptitudes, qualities of good citizenship and demonstration of concern for others. The letter of recommendation should be emailed to: 
centrefr@ucalgary.ca
Provide the names of TWO instructors who can attest to your level of French and ability in oral and written French to allow the pursuit of studies in that language.

Instructor #1_____________________________   e-mail address ______________________________

Instructor #2_____________________________   email address ______________________________
12. Please write, in French, an essay of 300-400 words, in answer to the questions:

*Pourquoi voulez-vous participer à ce séjour en France? Quels avantages pensez-vous retirer d’un tel séjour?*
Student Records Reference Letter Request Form

This form is to be retained by the referee as confirmation of the request for a reference. It should not be returned to the student or sent to the program to which the student is applying, or to potential employers.

I, ____________________________, request that ____________________________ write a letter of reference or respond to a reference check on my behalf.

I understand that in order to write the reference letter, ____________________________ may need to comment on grades and personal characteristics relating to my academic performance and/or employment history.

I agree to this disclosure of my personal information:

☐ only to the following schools or potential employers

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☐ to all requests for references.

This consent will be effective for one year past the signature date.

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

(If this form is not signed, a reference will not be provided.)

This information is collected under the authority of and in response to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It is required to respond to the request. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Information and Privacy Co-ordinator at the University Archives, MLT 1218, 220-3602.
CHECKLIST

☐ Application form
☐ University of Calgary transcript
☐ A confidential letter of recommendation
☐ The name and e-mail address of TWO instructors
☐ A an essay of 300-400 words, written in French

**N.B.:** Applicants must undertake to enroll as full-time students at a partner university in France. In addition to applying for the award, students will have to apply for an exchange by following the instructions at [https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/program-finder](https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/program-finder)

The application material must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to centrefr@ucalgary.ca