

Dunbar and District Twinning Association

Scholarship Award

The committee of the Dunbar and District Twinning Association is offering support to enable a young person to visit our twin town of Lignieres in central France in the summer of 2015.

Who is eligible: a young person over the age of 17 years at the time of the visit whose family resides in the Dunbar area. 2 young people going at the same time would be encouraged.

How do you apply: Anyone wishing to take this opportunity should apply in writing explaining why they would benefit from the scholarship and send it to the secretary of the twinning association. The current secretary is Fay Stanton, Mayfield, North Road, Dunbar. If more than 2 people are interested the candidates considered to be likely to gain most from the experience will be chosen by the committee. This may involve an informal interview.

Reason for visit: to improve French language skills, to obtain work experience in another country, to experience a different culture or a mixture of these.

Length of stay: this can be variable but 6 weeks would be a preferred maximum and 3 weeks a preferred minimum.

Accommodation: your lodging would be provided by members of the twinning association in Lignieres (le jumelage). This is a rural area and you may be housed in one of the surrounding villages or in the town.

Meals: it is usual for the hosts to provide you with all meals but you should be prepared to contribute to meals when necessary i.e. lunch when at work, meal on a day trip.

Work Experience: the Jumelage will try and provide the most suitable work experience for you therefore we need to know in advance what type of work you would be interested in doing. In the past students have worked in the tourist office, the schools, shops, and restaurants.

Financial help: this will be variable and negotiable depending on your length of stay, the costs of travel, what you want to achieve and the committee's current financial situation. For 2015 we are expecting to provide between £250 and £400 per person. Additional funding may also be available through the Educational Trust.

Expectations: You would be expected to make your own travel arrangements though help could be provided from the jumelage to reach Lignieres.

Following the visit the committee would expect the student to write a report of their experiences and may be asked to give a verbal account at the AGM in February. They would be expected to send this report to the Lignieres jumelage along with letters of thanks to those who had provided assistance in France.

Students would be expected to behave in a manner to bring credit to themselves, Dunbar, the Grammar School and the Twinning Association.

More information: If you would like more information or to discuss this further then please contact Alice Tirney, Teacher of Modern Languages at the Grammar School or Fay Stanton, the secretary of the association.