



## 2020 Serge Bellanger Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements

### 1. PROGRAM PURPOSE

*"To inform French and American persons about different cultures and the overseas experiences, promote cross-cultural dialogue and communications, improve foreign language skills, and to engage in other charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code..."*

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

#### a. Nationality

Candidates should be citizens of France and/or the United States.

#### b. Degree subject matter

Candidates must be enrolled in a *business school* program. Those pursuing degrees such as a MSc in Finance or Marketing in a business school would therefore be eligible. Those pursuing a law degree, even in an area such as business law, are not eligible.

#### c. Previous international experience

The Serge Bellanger Scholarships are intended to promote "*exchange*". Therefore, applicants should be "*moving overseas*" (leaving France to go to the U.S. or vice-versa) to pursue their graduate degrees.

- A French national who attended elementary or high school in the United States but completed their undergraduate degree in France is eligible for a scholarship to return to the U.S. for graduate school.
- A French national who attended a U.S.-based university *as part of* their (French) undergraduate program would also be eligible.
- A French national who received his or her undergraduate degree from an American university would not be eligible for a scholarship to attend graduate school in the United States. The reverse is true for American nationals.

Scholarship winners may apply for a second scholarship in year two of their programs, however preference is given to new applicants.

### 3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Serge Bellanger Scholarship awards are *merit-based*. Candidates with the highest potential for career success and contribution to French-American business relations will be chosen. Academic and professional achievement are the foremost factors considered (equally) by the jury.

### 4. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications may be submitted until 5:00pm EST on March 31, 2020. Winners will be announced in early-July 2020.

### 5. QUESTIONS

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