

## FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2008 / 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

Each year, the Lycée Français de Chicago earmarks a certain portion of its funds for financial aid in the budget.

The Lycée's financial aid is destined primarily for children who are not eligible to apply for or receive financial aid from any other source.

Financial aid awarded is based solely **on need** and without regard to race, religion, gender, creed or national or ethnic origin.

This year, to make the process more efficient and objective, we have decided to utilize the online service of Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) to process applications. FAST will be the standard submission format for all applications.

FAST does not decide whether financial assistance will be given or how much to give; rather FAST provides a need-based financial aid analysis service which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. Results are reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee of the school. Financial aid is awarded if need is demonstrated and as long as funds are available.

All information from FAST will be held in absolute and strict confidence and any financial aid provided is treated as a confidential matter between the financial aid committee of the Lycée and the family.

Financial aid awards are reviewed annually and are made based on the family's current financial status. Families already receiving financial aid for the 2007/2008 school year must re-apply.

**Please note: Any family whose current account with the Lycée is past due will NOT be considered eligible to receive financial aid.**

To start the process, please do the following:

\*Log onto the School's website at [www.lyceechicago.org](http://www.lyceechicago.org)

\*Click on "Admissions", then on "Financial Aid", and lastly click on the "FAST" button.

\*The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time. Online e-mail and a 24/7 telephone helpline are provided. In addition, FAST Parent User Guides are available in the office of the Lycée.

**If you have questions during the application process, please contact the FAST helpline at 877-326-3278.**

\*The fee for the application is \$34.00 to be paid by credit card at the end of the session.

If you do not have a credit card, or cannot budget the fee, please call Gwen Rose at the Lycée (telephone 773-665-0066).

\*After completing the online application you will be required to mail a copy of your 2007 tax returns for both state and federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's to:

FAST Processing  
ISM  
1316 North Union Street  
Wilmington DE 19806-2594

\*Please be sure to include the School's name on the outside of the envelope to ensure faster processing of your application.

\*Pre-addressed envelopes are available in the Lycée office along with the FAST Parent User Guides.

**DEADLINES:**

\*The **online submission** deadline for all applications is **May 9, 2008**.

Please note that applications received after this date will not be considered.

\*Your **tax returns** must follow the submission, and **must be mailed to FAST on or before May 9, 2008**.

Lastly, please provide to the school (to the attention of Gwen Rose), a letter giving us any additional information or describing any special circumstances which you feel will help us determine your need for financial aid (i.e., information not contained in your tax returns or which may not be apparent in your FAST application).

Sincerely,  
Gwen W. Rose  
Business Manager