



# GUIDE TO FINANCING YOUR STUDIES

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## INTRODUCTION

- Only the second cycle (Master's – RNCP level 7) qualifies for certain national public funding schemes (notably the CPF).
- However, the first and third cycles may still be funded depending on your status (intermittent worker, job seeker, self-employed, etc.).
- Professional artistic work may provide access to specific funding (AFDAS).

As a reminder, the École Normale de Musique de Paris awards partial or full scholarships based on application review, following the recommendation of the institution's selection committee.

- a. Go to the School's administrative office (ground floor) to create your login credentials.
- b. Log in to your personal account on the dedicated platform.
- c. Complete your scholarship application online.

d. Wait for the selection committee's decision, which will inform you whether you have been awarded a partial or full scholarship.

This scholarship can be combined with other funding schemes detailed below.

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# CHOOSING MY FUNDING BASED ON MY PROFILE

## I AM AN ACTIVE MUSICIAN / I PERFORM IN CONCERTS

### Recommended scheme: AFDAS Assurance Formation Des Activités du Spectacle

Funding dedicated to performing arts artists (intermittent workers or author-artists)

Eligible cycles:

- Cycle 1
- Cycle 2
- Cycle 3 (Artist Diploma and advanced classes)

Funding rate: hourly rate excluding tax €60 | maximum excluding tax €3,500

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Create your AFDAS account
2. Submit a funding application
3. Attach: program, quote, schedule, artistic CV, proof of professional activity
4. Submit the application at least 1 month before the start of the training

### USEFUL LINKS

[AFDAS account creation guide](#)

[AFDAS training funding application guide](#)

[More information on AFDAS funding schemes](#)

## I AM A JOB SEEKER

### Recommended scheme: Aide Individuelle à la Formation (France Travail)

Funds training if it is part of a professional project validated by France Travail.

Eligible cycles:

- Cycle 1
- Cycle 2
- Cycle 3 (Artist Diploma and advanced classes)

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Discuss your project with your France Travail advisor
2. The school sends a quotation via the platform
3. The student confirms it in their personal account
4. France Travail decides on the funding approval

### USEFUL LINKS

[More informations on Aide Individuelle à la Formation funding scheme](#)

## I AM AN EMPLOYEE / I HAVE WORKED PREVIOUSLY

### Recommended scheme: CPF (Compte Personnel de Formation)

Professional training funding

Eligible cycle:

- Cycle 2

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Create or log in to your CPF account
2. Search for the training course
3. Register directly online
4. Use your training credits

### USEFUL LINKS

[Mon Compte Formation platform](#)

## I AM SELF-EMPLOYED / A FREELANCER

### Recommended scheme: Fonds d'Assurance Formation (FAF)

Depending on the category selected for your activity, you fall under the following organizations:

- Professional liberal: FIF PL
- Craftsman: FAFCEA
- Trader and service provider: AGEFICE

Eligible cycles:

- Cycle 1
- Cycle 2
- Cycle 3 (Artist Diploma and advanced classes)

### HOW TO APPLY

#### With FIF PL

*Fonds interprofessionnel de formation des professionnels libéraux*

1. Check that the chosen training is eligible for FIF PL funding and that your URSSAF contributions are up to date.
2. Create or log in to your member account on the FIF PL website and submit a funding request before the start of the training.
3. Provide the required supporting documents (program, quote, training agreement, bank details, etc.) so your application can be reviewed.
4. After the training, send the attendance certificate and the paid invoice to trigger reimbursement.



## **With FAFCEA**

*Fonds d'Assurance Formation des Chefs d'Entreprise Artisanale*

1. Check that you are eligible for FAFCEA as a craftsman and that the chosen training is approved for funding.
2. Create or log in to your FAFCEA online account and submit a funding request before the start of the training.
3. Provide the required documents (program, quotation or training agreement, proof of business registration, etc.) for your application to be reviewed.
4. At the end of the training, send the attendance certificate and the paid invoice to receive reimbursement.

## **With AGEFICE**

*Fonds d'Assurance Formation du Commerce, de l'Industrie et des Services*

1. Check that you are eligible for AGEFICE as a non-salaried business owner and that the training meets the funding criteria.
2. Submit a funding request before the start of the training via your AGEFICE account or through the training provider.
3. Attach the required documents (detailed program, quote or training agreement, proof of activity, etc.) for your application to be processed.
4. After the training, send the attendance certificate and the paid invoice to obtain reimbursement.

## **USEFUL LINKS**

[More informations on FIF PL](#)

[More informations on FAFCEA](#)

[More informations on AGEFICE](#)

## I AM A STUDENT WITH NO PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

### Recommended scheme: scholarship or government-guaranteed student loan

Eligible cycles:

- Cycle 1
- Cycle 2
- Cycle 3 (Artist Diploma and advanced classes)

### HOW TO APPLY

#### Scholarship from the École Normale de Musique de Paris

1. Go to the School's administrative office (ground floor) to create your login credentials.
2. Log in to your personal account on the dedicated platform.
3. Complete your online scholarship application form.
4. Wait for the selection committee's decision, which will inform you whether you have been awarded a partial or full scholarship.

#### For a government-guaranteed student loan

1. Check that you meet the eligibility requirements (be a student enrolled in a recognized institution and need financing for your tuition or living expenses).
2. Choose a partner bank offering the government-guaranteed student loan and prepare your application file.
3. Submit your loan application to the bank, providing the required documents (proof of enrollment, ID, bank details, and any guarantees if requested).
4. Once the loan is approved, the funds are disbursed according to the agreed terms to finance your tuition and study-related expenses.

### USEFUL LINKS

[Scholarship application platform of the École Normale de Musique de Paris](#)

[More information about the government-guaranteed student loan](#)

## SUMMARY

| Funding schemes                                    | Cycle 1 | Cycle 2 | Cycle3 |
|--|---------|---------|--------|
| AFDAS*   | ✓       | ✓       | ✓      |
| Aide individuelle à la formation (France Travail)* | ✓       | ✓       | ✓      |
| CPF Compte Personnel de Formation*                 | ✗       | ✓       | ✗      |
| FAF Fonds d'Assurance Formation*                   | ✓       | ✓       | ✓      |
| Scholarship from ENMP*                             | ✓       | ✓       | ✓      |
| Government-guaranteed student loan*                | ✓       | ✓       | ✓      |

\*Funding schemes that can be combined with each other

In artistic professions, funding depends much more on your professional status than on your diploma:

- Active musician → AFDAS
- Career transition → France Travail
- Employee → CPF (for the second cycle only)
- Self-employed → FAF
- Student → loan / scholarship