Housing Subsidy for students

If you are looking for an accommodation in France you might have already heard the word "CAF" at your University International Office or in some article on Internet. It means « Caisse d'Allocations Familiales ». It is the French Family Benefit Fund. It can also provide some financial aid for students to pay the rent of your accommodation.

1- What Kind of help can I get from the CAF?

CAF won’t find you any accommodation. You should look at the housing solution in Paris all by yourself.

CAF can help you financially to pay your rent.

For student, CAF housing subsidy can be made through the CAF website or at CAF offices.

Here is a link to a document that might help you to fill the CAF Form:

2- Who can apply to CAF Housing subsidy?

All students' regardless of their nationality.

Please, make sure to check the official conditions on CAF website.

If you’re a CROUS resident, you can also benefit from this fund.

You are certainly entitled to a CAF housing subsidy if:

🌟 You rent, co-rent or sub-rent a housing
🌟 If you share a flat, each roommate must make an application, mentioning his/her share of rent. Each roommate must sign the lease
🌟 Your housing has a surface of at least 9m² (16m² if 2 persons share the place)

You don’t need to produce a residence permit to apply for CAF housing subsidy if you are a student from the European Union or European Economic Space (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungaria, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein,
Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Rumania, United Kingdom, Slovaquia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland)

To get the CAF housing subsidy if you are not a citizen from a European Union country you must hold a valid residence permit

3- When to apply to CAF housing subsidy?

You must apply for CAF housing allowance as soon as you have moved into your flat.

List of CAF offices: https://aidefamille.fr/caf/paris-75/paris.html