



HOW TO BOOST YOUR APPLICATIONS

Applying for financial aid

GENERAL TIPS



Read the instructions carefully and adapt your letter according to the conditions of the grant.



Be **brief**: your letter should not be over 1 page long!

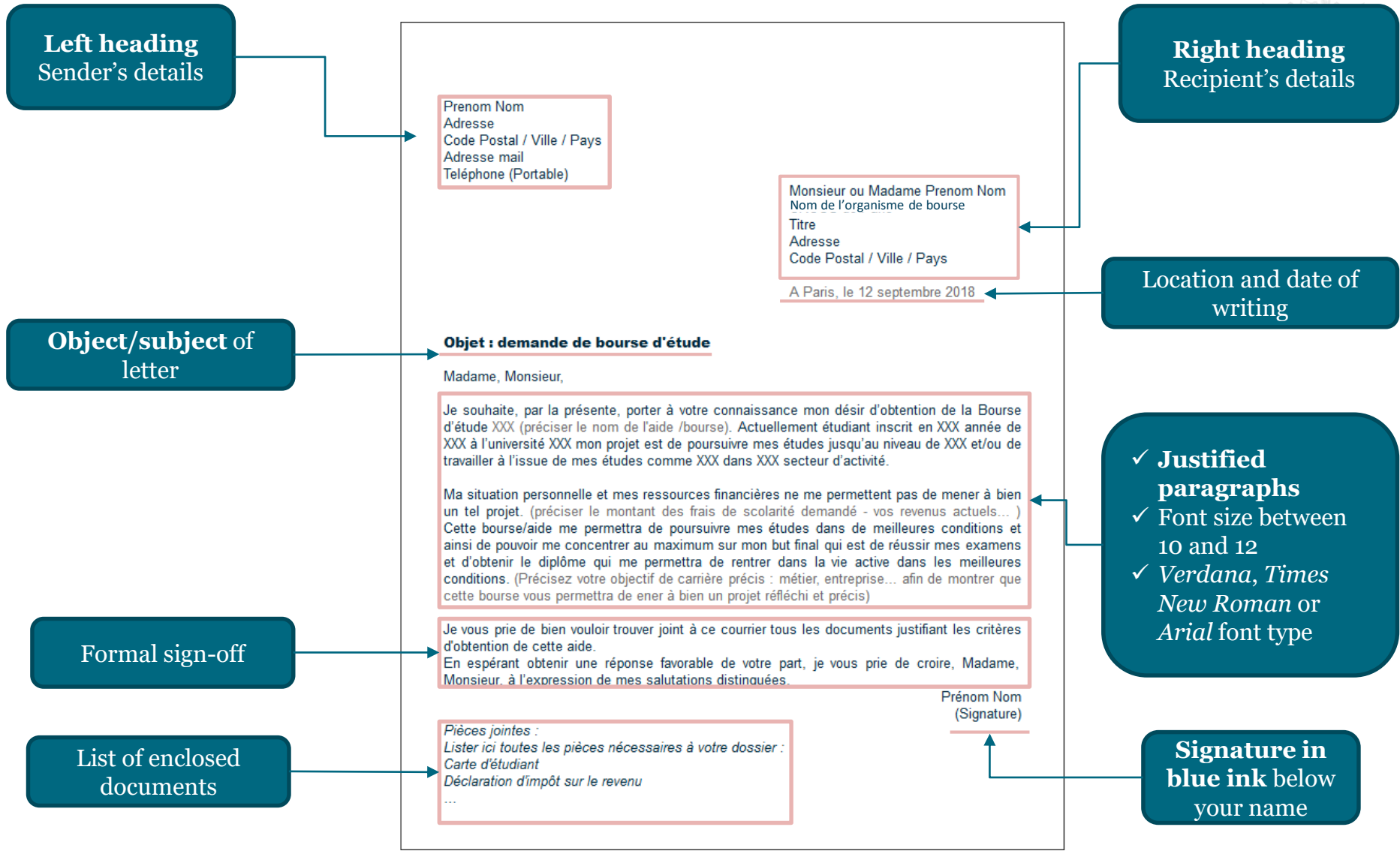


Give equal attention to **content and form**. Structure your letter with balanced paragraphs and reasoned arguments.

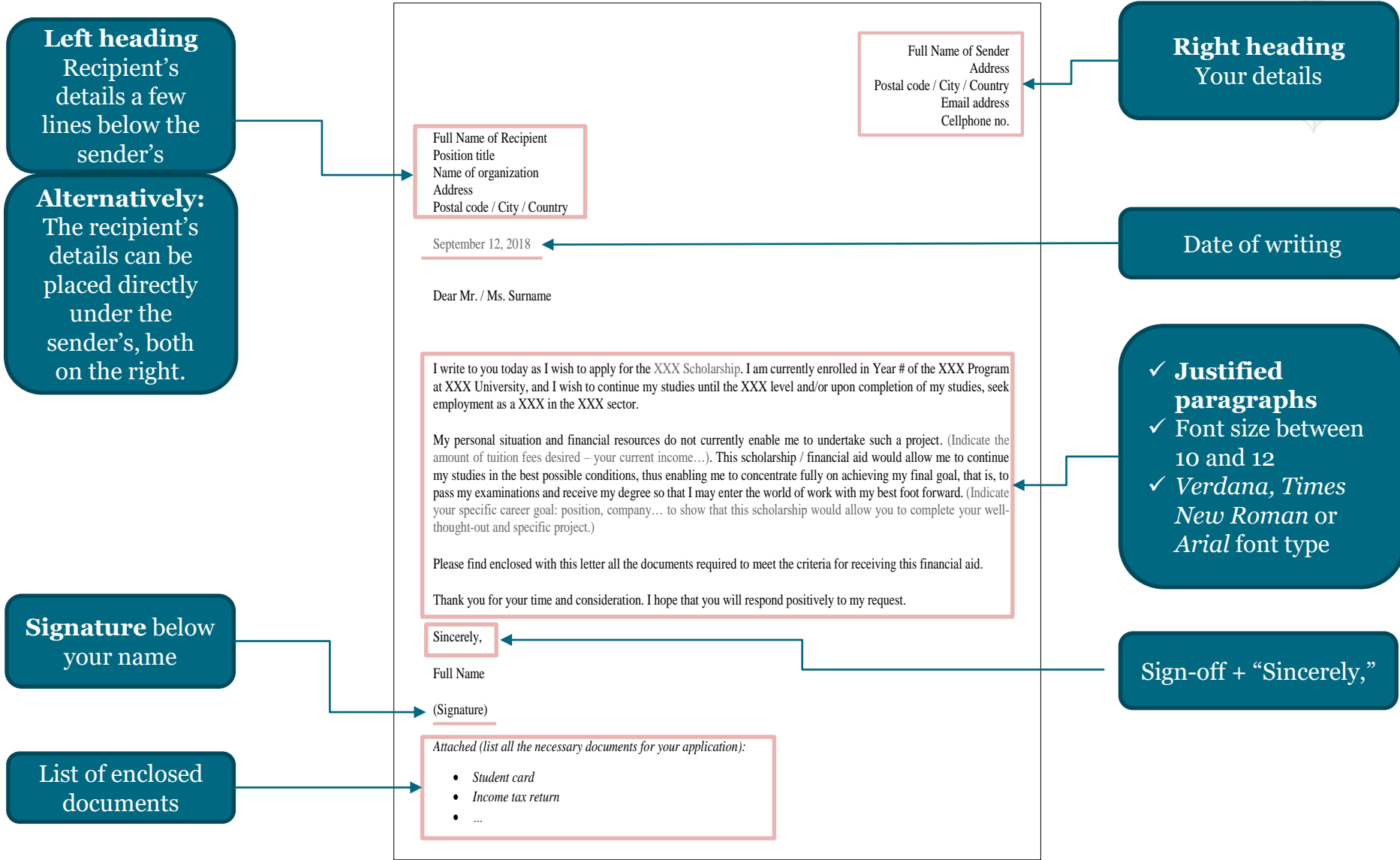


Your letter should be **personal**! Don't copy-paste another letter or a template from the Internet.

FRENCH STANDARD LETTER FORMAT



ENGLISH STANDARD LETTER FORMAT



CONTENT OF YOUR LETTER

A letter is personal and, as such, there is no fixed template. However, below you will find some essential elements that must be included when applying for financial aid.



Paragraph 1

- ✓ Introduce yourself and express your interest in the scholarship.
- ✓ Present your academic background in a clear, concise manner.
- ✓ Explain your career choice (if applying for end-of-study financial aid) or your desired career path (if you have just begun your studies).
- ✓ Present your project: explain why you chose the course for which you are requesting financial aid, showing that you are familiar with the course and what it has to offer.
- ✓ Explain your assets for the desired course, highlighting your achievements and providing concrete examples (assignments, internships, personal experiences etc.).

Paragraph 2

- ✓ Outline in a concise, factual manner the reasons why you require this financial aid.
- ✓ Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. (How will you use it?)
- ✓ Show that you would be a good ambassador for the scholarship if necessary (availability to take part in events, alumni etc.)

SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU WRITE YOUR APPLICATION LETTER



- ✓ Which field/specialization do you wish to pursue and why? Where does your interest in this field come from? Beyond the realm of academics, what are the big issues and challenges of your discipline/sector of interest?
- ✓ Have you experienced any difficulties in your academic career and how did you overcome them? What did you learn from these difficult experiences?
- ✓ What are your greatest successes and why? What are you the most proud of in your academic career? Which parts of your career do you think are the most original and make you stand out among your peers?
- ✓ Make a list of all your internship experiences: internships, academic projects etc. What did you learn from these (about your field and sector of interest, as well as about yourself and your career plan etc.)? Which skills and qualities have you developed? Which experiences have helped you strengthen your knowledge of your target field/sector and how?
- ✓ What do you know about the target university? What do you know about its labs and research topics? What are you expecting from this program? How can this program help you achieve your career goal? What can you bring to this university?

USEFUL LINKS



- <https://scholarshipowl.com/blog/apply-for-scholarships/write-scholarship-motivation-letter/>
- <https://www.scholarshipportal.com/article/how-to-write-a-scholarship-motivation-letter>
- <https://www.etudionsaletranger.fr/conseils-bourses-a-l-etranger/ecrire-une-lettre-de-motivation-pour-une-demande-de-bourse>