

2011 NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK CONTESTS

The theme for 2011 is "La Francophonie: L'Avenir du français/Francophonie: The Future of French"

ESSAY CONTEST

Deadline: Postmarked by **October 15, 2011.**

Send to: AATF NFW Contests, Mailcode 4510, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; e-mail: [nfwcontests@frenchteachers.org]

Guidelines: Each entry must be the original work of a current French student whose teacher is an AATF member for 2011. No group entries. There is a limit of five entries per school. Essays must be written in English and be typed or word processed. The student's name, grade, level of French, school, school address and telephone number, teacher's full name, e-mail address, and AATF chapter name must be written on the front of the essay. Submissions with incomplete information will not be judged. The required essay lengths, by division, are:

- Grades 3-5: Maximum 150 words;
- Grades 6-8: Maximum 250 words
- Grades 9-12: Maximum 350 words
- College: Maximum 500 words

Judging Criteria: Relevance to the theme, originality, written expression. All essays become the property of the AATF and may be used in AATF publications or materials. All participants in the AATF Essay and Poster Contests will receive certificates. A student may enter both contests. First, second, and third place winners of each division will receive prizes to be announced.

POSTER CONTEST

Deadline: Postmarked by **October 15, 2011.**

Send to: AATF NFW Contests, Mailcode 4510, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; e-mail: [nfwcontests@frenchteachers.org]

Guidelines: The poster theme must appear on each entry. No copyrighted figures (ie. Snoopy, Astérix) accepted. Each entry must be the original work of a current French student whose teacher is an AATF member for 2011. No group entries. There is a limit of five entries per school. The student's name, grade, level of French, school, school address and telephone number, teacher's full name, e-mail address, and AATF chapter name must be written on the back of the poster. Submis-

sions with incomplete information will not be judged.

Posters must measure 18" x 24" and have a flat surface with no moving parts. No three-dimensional posters accepted. No glue is to be used. Tempera paint, India ink, markers, flairs, or crayons may be used. Use white poster paper. Mail entries flat. The judging divisions are:

- Elementary: Grades 3-5
- Intermediate: Grades 6-8
- Secondary: Grades 9-12
- College

Judging Criteria: Visual impact, relevance to the theme, originality. (Remember that the use of color is important to visual impact. Large areas of white reduce the visual impact of the submission.)

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When mailing UPS or Fed Ex, use this address: AATF Faner 2031, 1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901.

NEW FOR 2011: NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK VIDEO/ANIMATION CONTEST

Theme: *La Francophonie: L'Avenir du français* (Francophonie: The Future of French)

Rationale: The AATF Executive Council decided that teachers at the middle school and high school would appreciate an activity that students could work on during National French Week (November 8-14, 2011). Since many students create their own videos and blogs, the Council thought that this contest would bring in students and teachers who are interested in technology. We are very interested in how this contest will be received.

Deadline: November 15, 2011 (different date than essay and poster contest)

See National French Week link on AATF Web site for instructions regarding format and how to upload the video/animation. Entries should be created using glogster or animoto. Teachers should choose the free educator subscription or have students set up their own accounts.

Guidelines: The video/animation must relate to the contest theme.

Minimum length 30 seconds. Maximum length: 2 minutes. No copyrighted figures (ie. Snoopy, Astérix) accepted. Each entry must be the original work of a current French student or group of students whose teacher is an AATF member for 2011. There is a limit of five entries per school. The video/animation must include the names of the school, French teacher, and students who contributed to the project.

Competition divisions: (1) Intermediate: Grades 6-8, and (2) Secondary: Grades 9-12

Judging Criteria: Visual impact, relevance to the theme, and originality.

All videos become the property of the AATF and may be used in AATF publications or materials. All participants in the video competition will receive certificates. The winning videos will be posted on the AATF Web site. First, second, and third place winners of each division will receive prizes.

Go to [www.frenchteachers.org/nfw/contests.htm] for complete instructions.

SOCIÉTÉ HONORAIRE DE FRANÇAIS

The establishment of a chapter of the *Société Honoraire de Français* offers several benefits to a secondary French program. It provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding scholarship in the study of French language through selection for membership, the placement of a special seal on the graduate's diploma, the wearing of a blue/white/red cord (or white cord) at graduation, and the right to wear the official emblem/pin of the honor society. The chapter provides a vehicle for focusing activities around French language and literature and also for encouraging member participation in the annual writing contest as well as application for the annual travel grants. There is the opportunity for students to serve as officers, directing the induction ceremony, or leading other chapter events. Information is available from the Executive Secretary SHF, AATF, Mailcode 4510, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; Fax: (618) 453-5733; E-mail: [shf@frenchteachers.org], or from the AATF Web site at [www.frenchteachers.org/shf].