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**LA MAISON
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**An American
Non-Profit Organization
To Promote Franco-
American
Cultural Activities**

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (2017)

ANNUAL FRENCH CONTEST FOR COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES & HIGH SCHOOLS

The specific purpose of *the Maison Française de Cleveland* in instituting its annual contest is two fold:

1. To recognize the excellent scholastic achievement in **FRENCH** of **FULL-TIME STUDENTS** who are **AMERICAN-BORN** or **PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENTS of the United States**.
2. To encourage these students to continue developing their mastery of the French Language and their interest in French Culture.

Eligibility:

All high intermediate and/or advanced students of French at the high school or college level are invited to participate.

- a. However, the general rule for high schools is: "Send you best performing student(s) in your class(es), in particular those with the best oral proficiency."
- b. For colleges and universities, "Send your best performing student(s) in your classes, in both oral and written proficiency."

(The applicant's level of proficiency is left to the discretion of the recommending teacher or professor.)

Ineligibility:

However, in the interest of fairness toward non-native speakers and American born or legal residents, the following regulations apply:

- a.) Native speakers of French from any francophone country are not eligible for the contest. Also considered native speakers are students who – whether native born or foreign born – are the children of a francophone mother or father and live in a household where French is spoken.
- b.) Also ineligible are foreign students from any country;
- c.) Former winners of the Paul Wurzburger Prize; and
- d.) Former winners of a First Prize. However, any previous high school winners who have graduated high school and are now enrolled in a college or a university are welcome to participate in the college division.

It is the ethical and professional responsibility of the recommending professor or teacher to verify the eligibility status of any student that he/she recommends for participation in the *Concours de la Maison Française de Cleveland*. By signing the application form, the professor/teacher attests to the accuracy of the information given. Any doubt as to the eligibility of a student must be resolved by contacting the director of the *Concours* before submitting the application form. This is to avoid the embarrassment of disqualification at the time of the *Concours*.