



CONCOURS de la Maison Française de Cleveland

AFFILIÉE À LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES AUX ÉTATS-UNIS

Dear Teacher of French,

February 2019

CONTEST GUIDELINES

HIGH SCHOOL

Letter to Teachers

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LA MAISON FRANÇAISE de CLEVELAND

An American
Non-Profit Organization
To Promote Franco-
American
Cultural Activities

The *Maison Française de Cleveland* announces it will again hold a competition (*Le Concours*) on **Saturday, March 23, 2019**, for students of high schools in Cuyahoga County and selected surrounding areas, and for the students of teachers who are members of the *Maison Française de Cleveland*. The details of eligibility, dates, places, prizes, etc., are given on the enclosed eligibility guidelines together with entry blanks for the contest.

The *Maison Française* contests were instituted to stimulate interest in the study of the French language. We trust that they will continue to create enthusiasm for the study of French in Cuyahoga County and immediately surrounding areas. We consider the monetary prizes we are offering again this year to be sums substantial enough to encourage students to enter the contest. In light of this, we also believe the winners in the contest should be present to receive their prizes. For this reason:

WINNERS OF PRIZES AND THE TEACHERS WHO RECOMMENDED THEM ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE AWARDS BANQUET AS INVITED GUESTS OF THE MAISON FRANÇAISE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT PARTICIPANTS KEEP THE DATE OF THE AWARDS OPEN.

The presentation of awards will be made at:

Date and Time: **SUNDAY, April 7, 2019 11: 30 a.m.**

Place: CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB

2500 Kemper Rd., Shaker Hts., OH 44120

Additionally, our April event will be a special treat: the brunch will be followed by presentations "*en français*." We have noticed that every year our brunch guests and members are delighted to see so many talented young people exhibit their love for French and Francophone language and culture, that it seems the logical choice to feature the "*lauréats*" themselves as the performers. So, again this year, the program committee will invite and feature our *Concours "lauréats"* to be the presenters. After we have distributed the prizes, we would like to ask each teacher to introduce his or her contest winner, after which the student is invited to talk about him or herself and any additional topic of his or her choice. We are thinking of only a very short impromptu presentation, of 3-4- or perhaps 5 minutes at the most. We are sure that our guests will be charmed! All this, plus the chance to cheer for our high school and college winners of our annual *Concours*!

Please feel free to circulate this letter among your teacher colleagues in your school and neighboring schools in the area. The *Maison* would like to involve as many schools as possible, and welcomes your help in identifying potential participants, who may or may not be on our mailing lists. Information is also available on our *Maison- CONCOURS* website at jcu at <http://webserv.jcu.edu/language//maison/>. You may also consult the *Maison* website directly and click on "*Concours*": <http://maisonfrancaisedecleveland.org>

If you are not already a member of the *Maison Française*, will you give serious thought to joining our ranks? One privilege of membership is the right to present one of your best students besides the one presented by your school. And this privilege applies even if your school is outside of Cuyahoga County.

Bien cordialement à vous,

B. Douglas Amberman, Président

Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter, Contest Coordinator