



# CONCOURS de la Maison Française de Cleveland

AFFILIÉE À LA FÉDÉRATION DES ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES AUX ÉTATS-UNIS

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## LA MAISON FRANÇAISE de CLEVELAND

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

### ANNUAL FRENCH CONTEST (2019)

#### Eligibility guidelines for HIGH SCHOOLS & Conditions for Participation:

##### Eligibility:

The best student in a **high intermediate or advanced** FRENCH class attending any high school in Cuyahoga County or the areas immediately surrounding Cuyahoga County is eligible to participate.

1. Each school is entitled to sponsor **ONE** student.
2. In addition, each **Teacher-Member** of the Maison is also entitled to sponsor **ONE** student.
3. Total number of students per school: 4 (including **one from school** and **one per each Teacher/Member**)

##### Ineligibility:

1. Students from French speaking families and foreign exchange students are not eligible.
2. Any student who has won first prize in one of our previous contests is also not eligible.
3. More than one student sponsored only by the school is not eligible.
4. More than one student sponsored by a teacher/member is not eligible.

##### Additional:

1. Questions of eligibility must be resolved before the contest. (Please refer to the *GENERAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES*.)
2. Note – For teachers who have sponsored candidates before, please note that due to changing curricula and study abroad experiences, we no longer use “Catégorie A ou B” to distinguish among students.

**Dates:** Applications must be in our hands no later than **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**, or as early as possible.  
**Examination: Saturday, March 23, 2019** Starts at 9 am, by appt., and goes through morning and afternoon.

In the evenings during the week before the contest and up through Thursday before the contest, the student applicants will be contacted via telephone to set an appointment time for the examination. Calls are made in the order in which applications are received. Any applicant not contacted by Thursday evening, please call Dr. Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter by phone, or contact via e-mail - see below.

**Place:** John Carroll University, O'Malley Center room 132

**Parking:** Free - use South Belvoir Blvd. Entrance. Stop at Guardhouse and request a *Visitor's Permit*.

**Directions and map to JCU campus:**

<http://sites.jcu.edu/campus-maps/>

**Preparation:** The student will prepare in advance a 3-5 minute oral presentation on any topic of very great interest to him or her, but preferably on a French related topic. The judges are looking for a presentation that flows freely and naturally. Thus, the presentation should not be memorized word for word, and written notes are not permitted. The judges will then ask questions about the chosen topic, and then engage the student in impromptu conversation for the remainder of the time – approx. 10 minutes. The judges will rate the candidates on general fluency, correct pronunciation, correct grammar, and vocabulary. Important – Since each school is sending its best students, we take it for granted that all the candidates will perform very well. However, please note that this is a “contest,” and that means that excellent students are competing against each other. Final results depend on the rankings of the candidates. (N.B. We are no longer giving the option of the poem recitation as opposed to the oral presentation.)

Each winner of a prize and the teacher who recommended the winner are expected to attend the awards banquet as invited guests of the Maison Française. The presentation will be made:

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

Place: CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB  
2500 Kemper Rd. Shaker Hts., OH 44120

Prizes:	First prize	\$600.00
	Second prize	\$500.00
	Third prize	\$400.00
	Fourth prize	\$350.00
	Fifth prize	\$300.00

If you have questions, contact Dr. Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter 216-397-4723. Forms may be returned to her at Contest Coordinator, Dept. of Classical & Modern Languages & Cultures, John Carroll University, 1 John Carroll Blvd., University Hts., OH 44118, or via e-mail scanned attachment (preferred) [mperezslenyi@jcu.edu](mailto:mperezslenyi@jcu.edu) or FAX 216-397-4653 (new) **(but please make sure you receive acknowledgement!)**