

## ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE OF WASHINGTON, DC 2024 FRANCOPHONE YOUTH POETRY CONTEST RULES

Article 1: This contest is free and open to all young people aged 14 to 18, whether in school (enrolled in 9th to 12th grade), or not.

Article 2: We will accept 1 to 2 poems written in French. The total amount of text is limited to 2 pages (Times New Roman, size 12). For example, you can send a poem of 2 pages or two poems of one page each.

Article 3: All forms of poetry are accepted; the theme is “Peace”. Translations are excluded from participation.

Article 4: The deadline for submitting poems is **February 19, 2024**.

Article 5: If you were a winner of the first edition in 2023, you must wait another year before participating again.

Article 6: Send your poems in Word format to the Director of Cultural Programs Natasha Bollier: [culture@francedc.org](mailto:culture@francedc.org).

Article 7: At the top of each poem should be noted: (1) the last and first name of the author; (2) their date of birth; (3) their current grade level and school address (if applicable); (4) their mailing address (5); their phone number; (6) a contact email. If the author is not a native French speaker, please indicate this and indicate the French class they are taking (French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or AP French).

Article 8: Each participant is required to ensure that their contribution does not constitute: (1) an infringement of the intellectual property rights of a third party; (2) violation of personal rights (violation of human dignity, violation of personality rights: right to a name, right to respect for private life, defamation, insults, etc.); (3) an attack on public order and morality (apology for crimes against humanity, incitement to racial hatred, pornography, incitement to violence, etc.).

Article 9: The jury reserves the right to name the winners. Their decisions are final.



Article 10: The winners will be announced to all participants by email before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and will also be announced during the Poetry Night at the Embassy of France on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The winners will receive a certificate, as well as prizes: a \$150 prize for a native French speaker, a \$150 prize for a non-native speaker. The winners will also be invited to recite their poems during the event.

All winners will also receive a one-year membership to the Alliance Française of Washington, DC (AFDC), as well as a tote bag with the AFDC logo.

Article 11: The Alliance Française of Washington, DC the sole recipient of applications, reserves the right to publish the received poems with the name of the author, award-winning or not, on any existing medium (posters, press, Instagram/Facebook, website, etc.). Winners or their legal guardians will be asked to sign a copyright release.

Article 12: Participation implies complete acceptance of these rules.

Article 13: For any information, please contact Natasha Bollier:  
[culture@francedc.org](mailto:culture@francedc.org).