



American Association of Teachers of French Connecticut Chapter

2020 SENIOR PRIZE APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Dear Prize Applicant:

Below is the application for both the **AATF Tom Betts Senior Prize** and the **Alliance Française of Northwestern CT Senior Prize**. Please read all directions carefully with your teacher. The Prize committee will consider only those applications which use this year's form and which are accurate and complete.

This year, the AATF-CT will offer the AATF-CT Tom Betts Senior Prize in the amount of **\$1000** to one senior. Each teacher who is a member of AATF-CT may nominate one senior currently studying French, who does not come from a home where French is the spoken language or who has not lived or studied in a French-speaking country for more than eight weeks.

Teachers wishing to nominate a senior for the AFNWCT Senior Prize (\$500) must also be members of the AATF-CT and must teach in Litchfield County or the towns of Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Middlebury, Monroe, Naugatuck, New Fairfield, Newtown, Oxford, Sherman, Southbury, or Waterbury. Teachers can become AATF members by going to www.frenchteachers.org.

1. Print and complete the application on the following pages in black ink. You will scan these as a PDF and email them to us.
2. Include a one-page letter of recommendation from the French teacher who is nominating you. This letter may be in French or in English.
3. Include a scan of one of your essays done as a class assignment that has been graded.
4. Include a scan of an unofficial (student) copy of your high school transcript as well as your standardized test scores (SAT I and SAT II Subject Tests, ACT, AP, etc).
5. Email **PDFs of your application and all supporting materials** by:

Thursday, March 5, 2020

to Sandra VanAusdal
svanausdal@gmail.com

Finalists will be asked to meet with the Prize Committee for a brief interview *conducted in French* at **Joel Barlow High School in Redding on the afternoon of March 26th, 2020**. Final prize notification will be made by the second week of April 2020. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

If you have any questions, please have your teacher email Sandra VanAusdal at svanausdal@gmail.com.

**2020 Student Application for the AATF CT TOM BETTS SENIOR PRIZE
& the Alliance Française of Northwestern CT Senior Prize**

Deadline: March 5, 2020

Name: _____ Expected Graduation date _____

Current Address: _____

Student cell phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Name of your high school: _____

Name of your current French teacher: _____

If you are from Litchfield County or any of the following towns (Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Middlebury, Monroe, Naugatuck, New Fairfield, Newtown, Oxford, Sherman, Southbury, or Waterbury) and also wish to be considered for the Alliance Française of Northwestern CT Senior Prize (\$500), please check this box: ☐

Have you ever traveled to a French-speaking country? **YES / NO**

If so, where and when? _____

Have you ever lived in a French-speaking country? **YES / NO**

If yes, in what country and for how long? _____

Have you ever participated in an exchange program? **YES / NO**

If so, for how long and where? _____

Is either parent or guardian a native Francophone speaker? **YES / NO**

How many years have you studied French? Elementary _____ Middle School _____ High School _____

Are you currently studying French in a school setting? **YES / NO**

If yes, in what course are you enrolled? _____

Have you taken the SAT II French Subject Test? **YES / NO** If yes, what was your score? _____

If no, will you take it this year? **YES / NO**

Have you taken the AP French Exam? **YES / NO** If yes, what was your score? _____

If no, will you take it this year? **YES / NO**

In what modern foreign language / French-related activities have you been involved?

Have you taken Le Grand Concours (National French Contest)? **YES / NO** If yes, how many times? ____

If yes, if you earned distinction (medals, ranks) for Le Grand Concours, please list below:

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| Year | _____ | Level | _____ | Rank | _____ |
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Please list any other foreign language awards:

Please list any other distinctions that you would like to share:

How do you plan to continue your study of (and passion for) French in college and/or beyond that?

Essay Topic:

Le français et vous: réfléchissez à l'influence du français dans votre vie jusqu'à présent et au rôle qu'il jouera dans votre avenir.

Please type your essay in a separate document; use 12-font and double-space. Length: 400 – 600 words

Your essay must be **100%** your own work; no one may help you write it, check it over, correct it, or make suggestions for you to improve it.

Use of online translation sites or any applications is forbidden. However, you may use www.wordreference.com to look up one word/expression at a time, as you would, and may, with a standard dictionary. You may also verify verb conjugations using www.verbix.com, etc.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my essay is 100% my own work and that the above information on this application is correct.

Student Applicant Signature

(This section to be completed by nominating teacher)

As the nominating teacher of the above named student, and an active member of AATF-Connecticut Chapter, I endorse this prize application, and I have verified that my student and I have submitted all the required parts of this application.

_____ is/was my student in _____
Student's name Course name(s) and year(s)

Teacher Signature _____

Teacher Name (printed)