

## 2017 NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK CONTESTS

The theme for both contests in 2017 is “*Le Français—langue globale / French—A Global Language.*”

### ESSAY CONTEST

**Deadline: November 15, 2017**

**Submit:** All essays must be submitted online at [<https://goo.gl/forms/jixWrVQxyoeIjODu1>].

**Guidelines:** Each entry must be the original work of a current French student whose teacher is an AATF member for 2017. No group entries. There is a limit of five entries per school. Essays must be written in English. The student’s name, grade, level of French, school, school address and telephone number, teacher’s full name, e-mail address, and AATF chapter name must be written at the beginning of the essay. Submissions with incomplete information will not be judged. The required essay lengths, by division, are:

- Grades 3-5: Maximum 150 words;
- Grades 6-8: Maximum 250 words
- Grades 9-12: Maximum 350 words
- College: Maximum 500 words

**Judging Criteria:** Relevance to the theme, originality, written expression. All essays become the property of the AATF and may be used in AATF publications or materials. All participants in the AATF Essay and Video/Animation Contests will receive certificates. A student may enter both contests. First, second, and third place winners of each

division will receive prizes to be announced.

### VIDEO/ANIMATION CONTEST

**Deadline:** Received by **November 15, 2017**

**Rationale:** The AATF Executive Council decided that teachers at the middle school and high school would appreciate an activity that students could work on during National French Week (November 1-7, 2017). Since many students create their own videos and blogs, the Council thought that this contest would bring in students and teachers who are interested in technology.

**To Submit:** See National French Week link on the AATF Web site for instructions regarding format and where to upload the video/animation. Entries can be made using Glogster, Animoto, embedded Web tool, or shareable app of the student’s choice. Please visit the AATF site to find a list of the suggested Web tools. If using these sites, teachers should choose the free educator subscription or have students set up their own accounts. The project should be viewable by the judges, but the projects should be marked “Unlisted” until the awards have been announced. Please include a URL to the project in the registration form. The contest judges may request that you share the embed code for the project after the awards have been announced. For questions on Web tool or app usage, please contact Catherine

Ousselin at [[catherineku72@gmail.com](mailto:catherineku72@gmail.com)]. For ideas on past submissions, visit the National French Week blog site at [<http://nfwposter.blogspot.com/>].

**Guidelines:** The video/animation must relate to the contest theme. Minimum length 30 seconds. Maximum length: 2 minutes. No copyrighted figures (ie. Snoopy, Astérix) accepted. Videos with references to alcohol, drugs, or violence will not be accepted. Each entry must be the original work of a current French student or group of students whose teacher is an AATF member for 2017. There is a limit of five entries per school. The video/animation must include the names of the school, French teacher, and students who contributed to the project.

**Competition divisions:** (1) Intermediate: Grades 6-8, and (2) Secondary: Grades 9-12

**Judging Criteria:** Visual impact, relevance to the theme, and originality. All videos become the property of the AATF and may be used in AATF publications or materials. All participants in the video competition will receive certificates. The winning videos will be posted on the AATF Web site. First, second, and third place winners of each division will receive prizes. Go to [[www.frenchteachers.org/nfw/contests.htm](http://www.frenchteachers.org/nfw/contests.htm)] for complete instructions and to [<http://nfwposter.blogspot.com/>] to see some past submissions.