

REBECCA AND JEAN-PAUL VALETTE AATF LEGACY AWARD

Thanks to a generous donation from AATF Past-President Rebecca Valette and her husband Jean-Paul, we are pleased to announce the first annual Rebecca and Jean-Paul Valette AATF Legacy Award. This award will be made to an AATF member teacher whose program has shown significant growth over the last 3-5 years. The candidate selected will receive a cash prize of \$3000 and a complimentary one-year membership in the AATF. The recipient will also receive a plaque to be presented publicly at the AATF annual convention or at a local event of the candidate's choosing. The funds are intended to be used for professional development as well as improvement of the program.

Requirements

The candidate chosen

- must have been teaching at the middle school or high school level in a public or private school for at least five years;
- must have been an AATF member for at least three consecutive years;
- must demonstrate significant and steady growth in enrollment in his or her French program over the last 3-5 years;
- must submit a (1) current CV; (2) a statement describing his or her personal philosophy on teaching French (500-800 words); and (3) a

description of the recruitment and retention strategies used with supporting documentation.

- (4) must submit enrollment figures over the previous 3-5 years and should include comparative figures for other languages and/or other schools in the district or comparable schools;
- (5) must include two letters of support: a recommendation from an administrator addressing the growth in enrollment and the candidate's achievements and a letter from a colleague highlighting the candidate's achievements.

Preference will be given to a teacher who is the sole full-time teacher at his/her school.

The application should be submitted in pdf format as one document. E-mail this document to [abrate@frenchteachers.org] no later than **March 1, 2017**. Letters of support may be e-mailed directly to [abrate@frenchteachers.org] with the applicant's name and AATF Legacy Award in the subject line.

In the event a file is too large to e-mail, it can be shared as a Google doc with [abrate@frenchteachers.org] making sure that "Anyone with a link can access" is selected and share the link.

We look forward to receiving many applications.