2026 SHF Contest Rules

Concours d'éloquence (Interpretation of a Historic Speech)

Objectif
Les participants **réinterprètent** un discours en français en démontrant leur capacité à communiquer avec clarté, émotion et conviction.

- The deadline is October 21, 2026 11:59 PM MDT. Any entry timestamped after that will be ineligible.
- Each teacher may submit a maximum of three student entries. Submissions of more than three entries will render all entries ineligible.
- **2026 SHF Contest Rubric**

Instructions for Students:

- Video yourself delivering one historic French-language speech **from this document.**
- Begin by stating the title of the speech, the speaker, and the date or context of the speech.
- Speak clearly and naturally. You may read or use notes, but your delivery should be engaging to your audience.
- Address the camera directly and maintain appropriate eye contact and posture.
- Use tone, pacing, and gestures to convey the meaning and emotional impact of the speech.
- After you finish your speech interpretation, answer in English: What does this speech mean to you, and why did you choose it? Your answer should last about 1 minute.
- The video must be filmed in one continuous take. Do not pause, restart, or edit your recording.

Technology Parameters:

- You may receive assistance from your teacher, other French speakers, or online resources to interpret and pronounce the speech.
- Contest entries must depict one individual student's performance.
- Do not use headphones, earbuds, or any other electronic aids while filming. (You are allowed to use notecards or a printout of the speech)
- Video submissions may not be paused, restarted, edited, or digitally enhanced.

- Upload your video to YouTube or Google Drive and ensure the permissions are set to "anyone can view."

Instructions for the Teacher:

Teachers will submit contest entries on the AATF website and must provide:

Teacher name, teacher email, school name, complete school mailing address, student name, grade in school, native language/exceptional experience, and a link to a publicly viewable video housed in YouTube or Google Drive.

- Teachers must have a current 2026 AATF membership and sponsor an active SHF charter by the contest deadline of October 21, 2026.
- The submitting student must be an inducted member of SHF by the contest deadline. This information will be verified before judging begins. For questions on active charters or student inductions, email shf@frenchteachers.org prior to October 20, 2026.
- Each entry requires a separate form.
- Multiple submissions by the same student or any selection created by more than one student (group work) are ineligible.
- Submissions must be made by the teacher; students may not submit their own work.
- While all students, including francophones, are eligible, please note any exceptional circumstances that explain advanced fluency (e.g., residence in a French-speaking country, immersion programs, foreign exchange experience, or a French-speaking household).

Publication Notice:

Submission of a video constitutes permission to publish the following in *L'Élan*:
the student's first name, last initial, a quote from their video entry, and a screen grab.

AATF publication policy prohibits the use of the student's full last name.

Accessing Materials:

The submission form can be accessed through the **AATF website.**

The rubric can be accessed through the following link: **2026 SHF Concours d'éloquence Rubric**.

Questions? Contact Heidi Stutz at shf@frenchteachers.org