



CULTURAL SERVICES
FRENCH EMBASSY
IN THE UNITED STATES



My Favorite French Dish Contest For K-12 students

Enter for a chance to win a basket of French books! "My Favorite French Dish" contest is open to all K-12 students from Chicago and the surrounding area. Write a short essay or poem or create a drawing in FRENCH about what you like the most in French cuisine! The best works will be published on the "à la carte" website and the winners will receive their awards from the Consul General of France in Chicago during the closing ceremony of "à la carte" on October 14 at the Music Box Theatre. Their teachers will also be invited to the ceremony.

From October 7th-14th, the Midwest will be celebrating the French table with the **à la carte** French Food Festival. This exciting 7-days festival will feature exclusive crafted menus and special offers in various French and French-inspired restaurants and businesses in Chicagoland and cities all over the Midwest. Food lovers and French enthusiasts are also invited to attend events taking place throughout the Midwest, including cooking workshops and demos, wine tastings, food-themed film screenings, gastronomy and nutrition lectures by professionals. For more information <https://www.alacartechicago.com/>

As part of the **à la carte** festival, the Cultural Services at the Consulate General of France in Chicago and the American Association of Teachers of French (Chicago – Northern Illinois Chapter) are organizing a drawing and writing contest around the theme "**My Favorite French Dish or Pastry.**"

CONTEST RULES:

- Participants:
The competition is open to the following categories:
 - Category 1: Elementary Middle School students
 - Category 2: High School students
- Deadline:
All drawings, essays and poetry must be received by the Cultural Services at the Consulate General of France in Chicago **no later than Thursday, October 4, 2018.**
Please submit your drawing or short essay/poetry **by mail only** to the following address:

Laurence Geannopoulos
Consulate General of France, Office of Cultural Affairs
205 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3710

Chicago, IL 60601

- To Enter:

Each entry must adhere to the contest theme.

- If you submit an original drawing, the size must be 8-1/2 x 11 inches. You are free to use the medium of your choice (paint or pencil). Copying or tracing an existing drawing is prohibited. All the text must be in French.

- If you submit a short essay or poetry, the length must be no longer than one page, 250 words, in font size 12. The short essay or poem must be in French.

Each participant must provide his/her name, address, phone number (or e-mail), name of the teacher, school name and address, on a separate sheet of paper.

- Jury:

The jury will select the winners between October 5-10. It will consist of members of the American Association of Teachers of French, Chicago-Northern Illinois Chapter and the Cultural Services at the Consulate General of France in Chicago.

- Selection criteria: The judging will be based on:

- Quality of visual or language expression
- Originality
- Adherence to the theme

- Prizes:

- Winners will be announced on **à la carte** website (<https://www.alacartechicago.com/>) on Thursday, October 11, 2018

- For each category, the first and second prize will receive a basket of French Books.

For more information, please contact Laurence Geannopoulos: laurence.geannopoulos@diplomatie.gouv.fr