



Société Honoraire de Français

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L'homme qui sait deux langues en vaut deux!

Purpose: To foster and encourage the study of the French language and culture.

Qualifications: Two full years of French with a grade of A- or better; a minimum 3.0 GPA in all other coursework (excluding French grades); completion of at least one full semester at SJHS (transfer students). Enrollment is by moderator/teacher invitation only.

The establishment of a chapter of the Société Honoraire de Français offers several potential benefits to a secondary French program. First, it provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding scholarship in the study of French language through selection for membership, the placement of a special seal on the graduate's diploma, the wearing of a white cord at graduation, and the right to wear the official emblem/pin of the honor society. Second, the chapter provides a vehicle for focusing activities around French language and literature and for encouraging member participation in the annual writing contest as well as application for the annual travel grants. In addition, there is the opportunity for students to experience leadership in serving as officers, directing the initiation ceremony, and/or leading other chapter events.

Expectations of **SOCIÉTÉ HONORAIRE DE FRANÇAIS** members are drawn from the constitution and bylaws of the national **SOCIÉTÉ HONORAIRE DE FRANÇAIS**.

In summary, they are:

- Enrollment and completion of the French class for which you qualify
- Attendance at the induction ceremony in April
- Maintenance of a 90% cumulative average in French classes
- Maintenance of an 80% cumulative semester average in all classes
- Participation in **Société Honoraire de Français** meetings and activities
- Attendance at next year's induction ceremony of new members
- Participation in the National French Examination when offered
- Maintenance of a behavioral record free from suspensions, academic dishonesty, and/or a pattern of inappropriate behavior
- Meet all deadlines and pay the required one time fee (currently \$3.00)
- Fulfillment of the yearly service and language requirements.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in a written warning, a probation period, or removal from the **SOCIÉTÉ HONORAIRE DE FRANÇAIS**.

Why join the SHF?

First it provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding scholarship in the study of the French Language through selection for membership, the placement of a special seal on the graduate's diploma, the wearing of a tri-colored cord at graduation, and the right to wear the official emblem or pin of the honor society.

Second, it provides a vehicle for focusing activities around the French Language and Literature and also for encouraging member participation in the annual writing contest as well as apply for the annual travel grants.

In addition, there is the opportunity for the students to experience leadership in serving as officer, directing the initiation ceremony, and leading other chapter events.

More information

Visit the American Association of French Teachers' website.

What does the organization do?

Suggested Duties for Members of the SHF

1. Organize and plan the agenda and activities for the French Club.
2. Sponsor tutoring services designed to aid students who are having difficulty with language learning.
3. Conduct a type of "college bowl" in preparation for the College Board AchieExam in French or for the National French Contest.
4. Be responsible for a display case, bulletin board, etc. with displays depicting France and French-speaking countries.
5. Plan activities and events for National French Week.

Suggested Activities:

1. Celebrate French holidays, such as St. Catherine's Day with a judging of "hats."
2. Christmas pageant in French: caroling in French at hospitals, orphanages, or to other classes or study and present French Christmas traditions
3. French dinners: at French restaurants, sponsoring a French dinner for parents and other students and perhaps charging a nominal fee, members choose to make some typically French dish and have a potluck of various kinds of French foods
4. Mardi Gras: floats (on wagons) depicting some aspect of French culture or costume party in which the students come dressed as some important figure in French history
5. Field trips to Embassies, Consulates, museums, plays, films, French church services, etc., where this is possible.
6. Participation in programs and contests sponsored by colleges in the area of the high school.
7. Sponsor an International Dinner in which other language clubs of the school are invited to present some talent in their language.
8. Join meetings or causeries with members of other SHF groups in the area.
9. Publish a French newsletter or seasonal publication.
10. Procure films regarding French culture from Embassies or Consulates in your area; video-cassettes of French movies are also often available.

11. Money-making projects for a scholarship fund to provide for an outstanding student in French: bake sales, sidewalk cafés. Petit Tour de France. French Fair: set up a Paris street scene with attractions such as cafés, flower markets, pastry shops, artistic corners, and perhaps a real puppet show.

Email will be the primary mode of communication about activities, scholarship opportunities, and service possibilities. It is expected that you will check your email regularly and respond promptly. Also, a webpage through JHS will be established as well as GoogleClassroom and Remind accounts.

Bylaws

- I. Membership
 1. Eligibility Requirements to be met by all Sponsors:
 - a. The Sponsor of the chapter must be a current member of the AATF. If sponsorship of the SHF chapter is maintained by more than one French teacher, all sponsors must meet this requirement.
 - b. In the case of a chartered home school, each individual/teacher nominating students must be a current AATF member.
 - c. All SHF sponsors must maintain membership in the AATF on an annual basis.
 2. General Eligibility Requirements to be met by all students:
 - a. Selection of candidates shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor/s.
 - b. Membership shall be based on scholarship in general and scholarship in French in particular, along with interest, participation and leadership in French activities.
 - c. Invitation to membership shall be restricted to those students actively engaged in the study of French in a secondary school when appropriate courses are available or when outside courses become part of the student's secondary transcript, credits and grade point.
 - d. Candidates must be enrolled in the fourth semester of French or higher, i.e., the second semester of Level II or the equivalent
 - e. Candidates must be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade of high school. Exception is made for 9th grade students who meet requirement "d" above because of work at the middle school or junior high level.
 - f. Transfer students must have spent at least one full semester in the high school before becoming eligible for invitation to membership.
 - g. Selection of candidates and induction ceremonies may take place at any time during the academic year.
 3. Scholastic Eligibility Requirements to be met by all students:
 - a. Candidates must have maintained an A- (A minus) average or higher in French throughout their secondary school study of French, including the semester of selection and all previous work awarded secondary school credit.
 - b. Candidates must have maintained a B- (B minus) average or higher in all other secondary school subjects prior to the semester of selection. French may not be used to calculate this average.
 4. Member Status
 - a. Any further requirements for continuing membership must be included in the bylaws of the local chapter of the *Société Honoraire de Français*.
 - b. The sponsor of the *Société Honoraire de Français* is empowered to revoke a student's membership, based on requirements stated in the local SHF chapter constitution, bylaws or school policies, for failure to maintain a high scholastic average, behavior inappropriate to an honor society, lack of participation in *Société Honoraire de Français* activities, insufficient service hours, failure to attend the induction ceremony, etc.
 - c. Upon graduation, student members are considered alumni members of the *Société Honoraire de Français*.



*Société Honoraire de
Français*

*Application for
La Société Honoraire de Français*

Last name _____

First name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Year of Graduation _____

Overall GPA _____

Overall French GPA _____

Current level of French _____

Previous French classes and grade:

Although you may submit this application in English (for the sake of the selection committee), please take pride in your short essays, focusing on neatness, correct spelling, and correct grammar. Remember that you are being considered for an honorary society!

Please explain why you would like to be a part of this organization:

[illegible]

How do you demonstrate enthusiasm for the French language inside and/or outside the classroom?

[illegible]

[illegible][illegible]

Leadership Experience

Where	Your responsibilities

FRENCH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

This required signature is from a French teacher that can attest to your excellence in and your dedication to the study of the French language and culture.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OTHER RECOMMENDATION

These required signatures are from a non-French teacher, coach, co-op, or employer who can attest to your reliability and performance in their field.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____

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PARENT SIGNATURE

Signature: _____

Date: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**This typed application is due to Madame Browne (Room C301) by Noon
Friday, March 9, 2018 .**

An application will not be considered if it is late or incomplete.

After reviewing each application, the selection committee for the SHF will vote to induct new members. You will be notified by email in late March as to the status of your application.