ARTICLE 1: This contest is free and open to all young people aged 14 to 18, whether in school (enrolled in 9th to 12th grade), or not.

ARTICLE 2: We will accept 1 to 2 poems written in French. The total amount of text is limited to 2 pages (Times New Roman, size 12). For example, you can send a poem of 2 pages or two poems of one page each.

ARTICLE 3: All forms of poetry are accepted; the theme is “Peace”. Translations are excluded from participation.

ARTICLE 4: The deadline for submitting poems is **February 19, 2024**.

ARTICLE 5: If you were a winner of the first edition in 2023, you must wait another year before participating again.

ARTICLE 6: Send your poems in Word format to the Director of Cultural Programs Natasha Bollier: culture@francedc.org.

ARTICLE 7: At the top of each poem should be noted: (1) the last and first name of the author; (2) their date of birth; (3) their current grade level and school address (if applicable); (4) their mailing address (5); their phone number; (6) a contact email. If the author is not a native French speaker, please indicate this and indicate the French class they are taking (French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or AP French).

ARTICLE 8: Each participant is required to ensure that their contribution does not constitute: (1) an infringement of the intellectual property rights of a third party; (2) violation of personal rights (violation of human dignity, violation of personality rights: right to a name, right to respect for private life, defamation, insults, insults, etc.); (3) an attack on public order and morality (apology for crimes against humanity, incitement to racial hatred, pornography, incitement to violence, etc.).

ARTICLE 9: The jury reserves the right to name the winners. Their decisions are final.
Article 10: The winners will be announced to all participants by email before March 1st, 2024, and will also be announced during the Poetry Night at the Embassy of France on March 1st at 7:00 p.m. The winners will receive a certificate, as well as prizes: a $150 prize for a native French speaker, a $150 prize for a non-native speaker. The winners will also be invited to recite their poems during the event.

All winners will also receive a one-year membership to the Alliance Française of Washington, DC (AFDC), as well as a tote bag with the AFDC logo.

Article 11: The Alliance Française of Washington, DC the sole recipient of applications, reserves the right to publish the received poems with the name of the author, award-winning or not, on any existing medium (posters, press, Instagram/Facebook, website, etc.). Winners or their legal guardians will be asked to sign a copyright release.

Article 12: Participation implies complete acceptance of these rules.

Article 13: For any information, please contact Natasha Bollier:
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