

American Association of Teachers of French
Kentucky Chapter
Excellence in Teaching Awards

Deadline: **December 15, 2005**

The American Association of Teachers of French Kentucky Chapter invites nominations for four annual awards for outstanding teachers, one at each level: elementary school, middle school or junior high school, high school, and post-secondary (university, college, or junior college). If there is no suitable candidate in any of the award areas, the Kentucky Chapter reserves the right not to make an award for that year in that area.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize those teachers who have demonstrated excellence and commitment in the teaching of French language, culture, and literature.

The award itself will be trophies from AATF-Ky recognizing the recipient for his or her outstanding contributions to the teaching of French . Award recipients will also receive a \$100 cash award to be used towards his or her professional development in delivering effective French instruction. An official presentation will be made at the Winter Meeting. Winners will automatically become Kentucky's nominations for the national AATF Dorothy S. Ludwig Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Nominations may be made by an individual AATF member in good standing. All nomination documents must be sent to the chapter president by the deadline of **December 15, 2005**.

The Kentucky Chapter will acknowledge the recipients of the awards by sending a letter to their principal and/or supervisor and will issue a press release, if requested.

TIME LINE

Because the awards will be presented at the Winter Meeting, the postmark deadline for submitting all documents to the chapter president will be **December 15, 2005**. The chapter president will then distribute the award nominations to the award committee members, and the decision will be made by January 15, 2006. The recipients will be notified by February 1, 2006 so that they can make arrangements to be present at the awards program and so that they may also apply for the Dorothy Ludwig National Award of the AATF.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Nominees for the AATF-Ky award must have a minimum of five years of teaching experience at the level for which they are candidates and must be teaching currently at the level for which they are candidates.

2. Nominees for the award must have been members of the AATF for the past five consecutive years.
3. Current AATF regional or national officers are not eligible for these awards.
4. Nominees must have made a significant impact on students, school, and community at the award level for which they are candidates.
5. Nominees must be participants in AATF activities locally, regionally, or nationally.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Nomination packages will be evaluated for evidence of

1. outstanding teaching experience that may have lead to
 - a. students' exemplary proficiency in French, knowledge of French language and Francophone culture and literatures, and motivation for continued study of French,
 - b. increased enrollment or expansion of curricular offerings,
 - c. previous teaching awards,
 - d. student participation in extracurricular French activities, exchange programs, and competitions, or
 - e. students' high performances in French on standardized tests.
2. professional growth and development which may include
 - a. participation in AATF chapter and national activities,
 - b. participation in foreign language conferences, workshops, and seminars,
 - c. pursuit of advanced degrees and education, or
 - d. grant-supported research, projects, workshops, or travel.
3. contributions to the profession such as
 - a. leadership and service in professional organizations including the AATF,
 - b. research or presentations at conferences or publications in professional media, or
 - c. sponsorship of extracurricular activities or student exchange programs.

NOMINATION PACKET

The nomination packet may not exceed a total of five pages and must include the following:

1. A *résumé* of education, teaching experience, membership and offices in professional organizations, AATF activities and other professional activities, and awards, using only the officially provided two-page form. No other format or similar form may be used, so that all candidates will be compared in identical rubrics. Do not exceed these two pages. This two-page required form constitutes pages one and two of the five-page packet. Cover letters from nominators will not be included as part of the five-page packet forwarded to members of the selection committee. This two-page required form is available on the AATF Web site [www.frenchteachers.org], from Chapter Presidents, and upon request from AATF Headquarters.
2. A one-page personal statement by the nominee in which he or she addresses in detail the following topic: *Of your contributions in and out of the classroom, of which are you the most proud? Explain your choice* (page 3)
3. Two one-page letters of recommendation that address the candidate's teaching excellence, professional growth and development, and/or contributions to the profession. These two letters of recommendation are limited to only one page each and constitute pages 4 and 5 of the five-page packet. They should come from colleagues or superiors who have first-hand professional knowledge of the candidate's classroom performance.
4. All nominations and forms should be submitted with the original nomination packet and three copies, organized into four complete packets for distribution to committee members. PLEASE NOTE: the nomination packet should NOT be bound or presented in a scrapbook or folder.
5. Submit the four packets for the nomination to:

**Maureen Motsinger
Scott High School
5400 Old Taylor Mill Road
Taylor Mill, KY 41015**

ATTN: AATF-KY Excellence in Teaching Awards. The nomination must be postmarked no later than **December 15, 2005.**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF FRENCH
Kentucky Chapter
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD 2005**

Candidate information (please type) Check appropriate category:

NAME _____

___ Post-secondary ___ Secondary ___ Jr-high/Middle Sch. ___ Elem.

INSTITUTION _____

POSITION _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ (school)

_____ (home)

E-MAIL _____

Educational Background

Teaching Experience

Membership/Offices Held in Professional Organizations

AATF Activities

Other Professional Activities

Special Awards or Recognition