

## **Professional Development Award and Friend of French Award**

### **I. Deadline March 15, 2010: Professional Development Award**

To encourage new or returning teachers of French to become active members of the American Association of Teachers of French and to continue to grow professionally by attending workshops and conferences, the Philadelphia chapter of the AATF sponsors a Professional Development Award, given annually.\* The recipient receives a one-year complimentary membership in the AATF and reimbursement of up to \$200.00 for language conference registration fees. The winner is also honored in a ceremony during the *Grand Concours Distribution des Prix* at Chestnut Hill College in May. In addition, a letter announcing the award is sent to the recipient's school.

\*If there is no qualified candidate in a given year, the Philadelphia Chapter of the AATF reserves the right to not offer the award that year.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must be teachers or professors of French at a school in the area served by our chapter, having taught no less than one academic year and no more than six academic years.

**Judging:** The nominees credentials will be judged on the following criteria:

1. knowledge in the field
2. planned active teaching status
3. potential for leadership
4. promotion of French studies
5. long range professional goals

**Expectations:** The recipient of the award:

1. Must use the stipend during the 2009–2010 academic year;
2. Is expected to write an article for the chapter newsletter within three months of attending the subsidized conference;
3. Will be reimbursed for AATF membership and conference fees upon receipt of proof of payment and article for the chapter newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations packets should include:

1. A letter of nomination from a colleague explaining how the candidate meets the criteria and the nominator's relationship to nominee;
2. An updated professional résumé of the nominee;
3. A brief personal statement from the nominee, including permission to be considered for the award, describing his or her contributions to the profession to date, and explaining how this award would help him or her develop professionally.

Please send the nomination packet to Kadima I. Bukasa, 203 Reese St. Sharon Hill, Pa. 19079-1340. It should be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2010**. For further information, write to [kadimabukasa@yahoo.com](mailto:kadimabukasa@yahoo.com)

## **II. Deadline, March 31, 2010: Friend of French Award**

**Purpose:** This award was created by our chapter to honor a person who makes or has made a noteworthy contribution to the promotion of the study of French and/or of Francophone cultures in the United States.

**Eligibility:**

1. Winner must not be a current or former teacher of French.
2. Winner must reside or work within the region served by our chapter.
3. Winner must make or have made a noteworthy contribution to the promotion of the study of French and/or of Francophone cultures in the United States.

**Past Winners:** A musician, a food services coordinator, a restaurateur, an AFS leader, a high school principal, a college.

Contact Katie Kuhner for more information or for a nomination form: [kuhnerke@npenn.org](mailto:kuhnerke@npenn.org)

Deadline is **March 31 2010**.