



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE SANTA ROSA

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Alliance Française of Santa Rosa Seeks Applications For Board Members

Would you enjoy making a positive contribution to the most established non-profit organization promoting French culture and French language North of San Francisco? If so, the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa could be a perfect match. Please consider making a positive contribution to promoting French language and French culture in Sonoma County!

The Alliance Française de Santa Rosa (AFSR) is seeking to add new members to the current Board of Directors, and will be accepting nomination applications from interested parties until September 17th. AFSR Members can vote via e-mail or in person at the Annual General Meeting (Assemblée Générale) the 23rd of September, held at “**Bistro 29**” in Santa Rosa. (Please visit afsantarosa.org for information and R.S.V.P.s.)

Since 1987, The Alliance Française de Santa Rosa’s mission continues to be promoting cultural exchanges and French language learning between Francophones, Francophiles, and the English speaking community in Sonoma County.

Applications are now being accepted for individuals to join the Board of Directors and contribute their interest and expertise to fulfill the AFSR’s mission.

More information about The Alliance Française de Santa Rosa and nomination forms requesting a simple statement of interest to accompany a current résumé, are available by calling AFSR President, Jesse Vann Gardner at (707)481-2848. (This nomination questionnaire is also included at the end of this announcement.)

Potential advisory board members with skills such as community and event organization, finance and fundraising, graphic design, editorial writing, and social media experience are encouraged to apply. Bilingual French/English language skills would also be beneficial, but not required. Meetings of the AFSR Board of Directors are conducted in English and held monthly, the first Tuesday of each month, from 4- 6 p.m. Terms of advisory board members are for a period of two years.

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The Advisory Board meets monthly -- the first Tuesday of the month from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the AFSR Office Suite located at 182 Farmers Lane in Santa Rosa. Working sub-committees which support programs such as Cultural and Community Events, Film Screenings, and Fundraising also occur monthly.

Our programs have demonstrated to our community the positive influence of providing professional and engaging French language courses as well as events which offer a platform to discover and participate in French cultural celebrations such as our **“Sonoma County Bastille Day Bash / 14 Julliet Fête”** and our **“Pétanque Picnic Villageoise”** to be held **September 15, 2019 at Juillard Park, Santa Rosa.**

Background, History and Mission of the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

The Alliance Française de Santa Rosa is a non-profit-making corporation, and constituted in accordance with the statutes and aims of the Alliance Française founded in Paris in 1883.

The purpose of this organization is to promote French culture and the study of the French language in Sonoma County and surrounding areas, to gather together those who desire to contribute towards developing understanding and enjoyment of French language and culture, and on a larger scale to foster greater friendship and mutual understanding between the United States and France and French-speaking countries by encouraging linguistic and cultural exchanges.

The organization operates as a franchise of the Foundation Alliance Française and has no political or religious affiliations and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of its activities or operations.

The primary focus of the organization:

- Organize French language classes and French cultural events
- Disseminate French or Francophone cultural material in written or audio-visual form through the provision of appropriate facilities such as libraries and online resources
- Organize activities such as causeries, film and book clubs, special cultural events and presentations, and study trips to French-speaking countries
- Support the teaching of the French language in educational institutions



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Board of Directors Application Form

Return to: Jesse Vann Gardner, President

Alliance Française de Santa Rosa

E-Mail: media@afsantarosa.org; Phone: (707) 481-2848; Fax: (707) 765-4597

Name:

Business Affiliation (if appropriate):

E-Mail:

Phone: Preferred Time(s) To Be Reached:

Address:

1. Please provide several written paragraphs via e-mail or fax to the Programs Manager shown above about your interest in the mission of Alliance Française de Santa Rosa. Also describe why your experience or specific expertise would provide a valuable contribution. Please include a current *résumé/curriculum vitae*.
2. Have you ever volunteered with any Alliance Française in the past?
3. How did you hear about the Alliance Française de Santa Rosa?
4. Are you currently participating with any other community organizations' boards or advisory boards? If so, please indicate your involvement, and any current time constraints.
5. Are you able to make the commitment to attend regular monthly board meetings? (usually held the second Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm at the Alliance Office.) Are you able to commit to attending events sponsored by the AFSR?

Thank you very much for your interest in Alliance Française, and for your willingness to make an important contribution to our community.

Alliance Board Members will personally contact all nominees via phone.