

## Letter of Intent

February 27, 2025

### **To Whom It May Concern,**

The Lycée International de Boston is organizing the **Ambassadeurs en Herbe** competition, a prestigious international eloquence contest that brings together students from French schools across North America. We intend to send **six students** to participate in this event, which will take place at the **Lycée International de Boston from March 27 to March 30, 2025**. Information about the event is available at

<https://aeфе.gouv.fr/fr/reseau-scolaire-mondial/des-projets-et-dispositifs-en-partage/dossier-ambassadeurs-ambassadrices-en-herbe>

This competition marks the **culmination of a year-long project** dedicated to the **promotion of Francophonie and public speaking skills**. Throughout the year, our students have participated in multiple events aimed at enhancing their oral expression and argumentation abilities, including:

- **Francophonie Days in January**, celebrating French language and culture.
- **A week-long coaching program** focused on public speaking techniques.
- **A public debate and speech event** in French.
- **An inter-school competition** with three other French schools in San Francisco.

Thanks to these experiences, our students have made **tremendous progress** in their ability to articulate complex ideas, engage in structured debates, and express themselves with confidence. This **select group of students** will greatly benefit from participating in Ambassadeurs en Herbe, as it represents an unparalleled opportunity to further refine their skills in a high-level competitive environment.

Beyond the competition itself, students will have the chance to **meet and connect with peers from other French schools across the country**, fostering meaningful relationships and expanding their cultural and intellectual horizons.

Furthermore, numerous studies highlight the long-term benefits of strong oral communication skills. Research indicates that students who develop eloquence and public speaking abilities tend to perform better academically, exhibit stronger leadership qualities, and enjoy greater professional success in the future. Mastering the art of persuasion, structured argumentation, and confident speech prepares them for a wide range of careers, from diplomacy and law to business and media.

As part of this enriching experience, our students will also **explore Boston and visit Harvard University on Friday afternoon and Saturday**, further immersing themselves in an intellectually stimulating environment.

Lodging and meals are included in the cost of participation of \$550 per person. Incidental expenses for local transportation and visiting local sites are expected to be approximately \$30 per person. Airfare is expected to be approximately \$250 per person. Expenses will be covered through donations to the Parent Association Foundation.

This extraordinary experience will not only enhance our students' **oral expression, critical thinking, and self-confidence** but also **strengthen their connection to the global francophone community** while preparing them for future academic and professional success.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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