

Competition Rules 2026: Francophonie Talents

1. Introduction

“Francophonie Talents!” is an artistic competition showcasing francophone talents in Pakistan during Francophonie Week, organized from 3 to 12 April.

This competition celebrates the French language and francophone cultures through a variety of performances. Participants will present acts such as singing, recitation, sketches, and more, related to the French language and/or francophone culture.

2. Categories

- **Children Category:** For participants aged 6 to 11.
- **Youth Category:** For participants aged 12 to 17.
- **Adult Category (18+):** For participants aged 18 and above.

3. Competition Structure

The competition consists of three rounds held at the three Alliances Françaises in Lahore, Karachi, and Islamabad.

- **AFL Round:** Selection of winners in the Children and Youth categories. Audition and selection of the Adult category winner invited to compete in the final in Islamabad.
- **AFI Round:** Selection of winners in the Children and Youth categories. Audition and selection of the Adult category winner invited to compete in the final in Islamabad.
- **AFK Round:** Selection of winners in the Children and Youth categories. Audition and selection of the Adult category winner invited to compete in the final in Islamabad.
- **Final in Islamabad:** A major show where the Adult category winners from the three Alliances compete for the title of “Francophone Talent of Pakistan”.

4. Registration

- Registration deadline for candidates in all three categories: Friday, 27 March 2026.
- How to register:

Each Alliance Française has its own Google Form registration link. Participants must complete the online form to register for the competition in the city where they reside. The link can be found on the social media pages of the Alliance Française in your city.

- The registration form includes the following information:

- First and last name
- Age
- Phone number
- Email address
- Nationality
- Institution or profession
- Registration category
- Type of performance

- Parental consent (for minors)

5. Performance Format

Participants may present their performance in the following formats:

- **Solo:** One person alone on stage performing their talent.
- **Duo:** A participant may perform with the help of an assistant; however, only the registered participant will receive the prize if the duo is selected.
- **Full class:** For the Children category only, when the performance is a class project supervised by a French teacher. Please contact the Alliance Française in your city for validation.

6. Equipment

The Alliances Françaises will provide a stage, two microphones, a sound system, and a computer. Any additional equipment must be brought by the participants.

Example: If music is required for singing, the participant must bring the music on a USB flash drive.

7. Participation Criteria

- Participation is open to everyone who loves the French language. Whether you are a native francophone or a French learner, everyone is welcome. The competition aims to promote the French language and francophone culture, and all those with a passion for them are encouraged to participate.
- Participants must propose a performance related to the French language and/or francophone cultures, with a maximum duration of three minutes.

Performance types may include:

- Song in French
- Poetry or slam in French
- Dance influenced by francophone culture
- Theatre or comedy in French, with a maximum duration of three minutes
- Traditional or modern music in French
- Other art forms inspired by the French language and francophone culture

- Participants who have not received confirmation of participation from the Alliance Française in their city will not be allowed to compete.

8. Selection Process

- Local auditions (AFK, AFL, AFI): Winners in the Children and Youth categories will be awarded during these events.
- Final audition: Winners of the Adult category from the local auditions (AFK, AFL, and AFI) will compete in the grand final in Islamabad.

9. Jury

The jury for the local auditions and the final in Islamabad will be composed of the following members:

- **Ambassadors:** Diplomatic representatives from francophone countries, providing cultural expertise and an international perspective on francophonie.
- **Director of the Alliance Française:** A director of an Alliance Française, representing the promotion of the French language and culture in Pakistan.
- **French teacher:** A teacher who is a member of the Association of French Teachers of Pakistan, specializing in the French language and francophone cultures, contributing academic insight and in-depth knowledge of the language.

10. Judging Criteria

Performances will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Originality:** The originality of the performance and its connection to the French language or francophone culture.
- **Creativity:** Inventiveness in interpretation and presentation.
- **Technique:** Mastery of the French language for verbal performances and artistic technique for other types of performances.
- **Emotional impact:** The ability of the performance to engage and move the audience.

11. Prizes

Winners of the three categories (Children, Youth, and Adult) at the end of the final in Islamabad will receive:

- **Children Category:** Four tickets to an amusement park and other surprises.
- **Youth Category:** A tablet and other surprises.
- **Adult Category:** One round-trip airline ticket to Paris for two people on PIA.

12. Final in Islamabad

The winners of the Adult category from the local auditions (AFL, AFI, AFK) will compete in the grand final at the Alliance Française of Islamabad.

13. Conditions of Participation

- **Parental authorization for minors:** Minor participants must obtain parental authorization to take part in the competition. A document signed by a parent or legal guardian will be required. Without this completed document, the minor candidate will not be allowed to compete.
- **Authorization for image use:** By participating in the competition, candidates (and their legal guardians for minors) agree that their image and performance may be broadcast on the social media platforms of the Alliances Françaises and partner Embassies for promotional and communication purposes related to the event. This authorization includes the use of performance videos, photographs, and excerpts for online publications, websites, and social media platforms.
- **Registration confirmation:** Participation will be confirmed by email after the review of the registration. No participant may take part in the event without this confirmation.
- Participants must be able to perform in French, whether by singing, speaking, or presenting

their art in another form.

- Adult category participants must be available for all stages of the competition and the final.
- In case of absence, the participant may be disqualified.
- Participants must respect schedules and rules at each stage of the competition.
- Participants who provide false information about their age will be disqualified. Identities will be verified.
- The competition reserves the right to cancel a performance or disqualify a participant for failure to comply with the rules.
- Performances may not address political or religious topics.

Good luck to all participants.