

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

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**Awards:** 🎵 An award of \$75.00\* will be presented in each state in which a winner is declared.

🎵 An Award of Merit Certificate will be presented to each winner and teacher.

**Essay Rules:**

- 2026 Theme: *Music...is our constant companion*
- Contest open to 7-12th grade students. Essay must be typed and no longer than 500 words. Essay is judged on relation to theme, continuity of thought, and completeness of application.  
**Membership in NFMC is NOT required** to enter.
- Essay and picture (jpg format) of student is required to be uploaded to the NFMC website <https://forms.nfmc-music.org/forms/> by **January 10**.
- The current year's theme and entrant's name must be typed at the top of the first page. The teacher's email address or telephone number **must be included**.
- Email regional chair: name and contact info after upload is completed.
- The essays become the property of the NFMC and may be published. Teachers and state presidents will be notified in the winning states.