**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:**  
2024 Theme: *Music…is yours, mine, and ours*  
2025 Theme: *Music…is unstoppable*

- 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, completeness of application.  
  **Membership in NFMC is NOT required** to enter.
- Information form with student name, grade level, name and address of teacher, email addresses for student and teacher, essay, and quality photo of student with **deadline date is January 10**, must be uploaded to the NFMC website (www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload).  
  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 will not be returned and may be published in Junior Keynotes. Teachers and state presidents will be notified in the winning states.