

AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION - NFMC America 250 Celebration
One Time Award Deadline: August 10, 2026

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Purpose: To honor the 250th anniversary of our nation, the National Federation of Music Clubs invites all members to participate in a special musical tribute. This celebration focuses on our rich American musical heritage and the diverse voices that have shaped it.

General Overview:

- Theme: "Celebrating Our Musical Heritage"
- Celebration Period: The month of July
- Eligibility: Open to all NFMC Junior, Student Collegiate, and Senior members (individuals or clubs)

Complete online form no later than **August 10, 2026**

Awards: Generous monetary awards will be granted to the most outstanding entries that exemplify the spirit of American music:

- Junior Division: \$250 prize
- Student Collegiate and Senior Division: \$250 Prizes (awarded to an individual or club)

Submission Requirements:

Participants may choose one of the following formats to celebrate America's 250th anniversary

- Performance: A video recording of a work by an American composer. Highlighting underrepresented or historical American composers is strongly encouraged.
- Composition: An original musical work that reflects an American theme, historical event, or cultural milestone. Submit as a pdf with or without a recording (recording preferred).
- Educational Project: A presentation, digital scrapbook, or short documentary detailing a specific era or figure in American musical history.
- Club Program: (for Senior Collegiate Clubs) A recorded or documented themed program or community outreach event held during the month of July.

Rules for Entry:

- **Timeline:** All performances must take place or be finalized during the month of July, 2026.
- **Originality:** All entries must be the original work of the member or club submitting.
- **Submission Format:** Entries should be submitted digitally (with a link to video, PDF of scores/research, or high-quality photos of projects).
- **Identification:** Each entry must include the member/club name, state federation, and the specific division (Junior, Student Collegiate, or Senior)
- **Judging Criteria:** Entries will be evaluated on musicality, historical relevance to the America 250 theme, and creativity in "Celebrating Our Musical Heritage."

Submit your entry online by SCANNING THIS QR CODE or at: nfmc-music.org.
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