



Florida Federation of Music Clubs NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK 2027 Essay Contest Rules

1. Theme of 2027 Essay: "*Music is ... a never-ending tale.*"
2. Essay **MUST** be typed and no longer than 500 words. The current year's theme and entrant's name must be typed at the top of the first page. Essays are judged on the content, grammar, and originality.
3. The essay contest is open to students in Grades 7-12. To enter the FFMC competition, Junior membership in FFMC is required. Ask your teacher for the name of your Junior Club. If you are not a member of a Junior Club, include an additional \$20.00 to satisfy the membership requirement.
4. The decision of the judges will be final and accepted by all.
5. Email your essay along with signed state application by 11:59 PM EST, Sunday, January 10, 2027 to Amy Duncan, ycmband@gmail.com
6. Entry fee of \$5.00 is nonrefundable. Make check payable to FFMC, Inc. Your cancelled check will serve as confirmation of receipt. Postmark by January 10, 2027. Mail to:

Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer
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Membership is NOT required for the annual **National Federation of Music Clubs** "National Music Week" Essay Contest. Refer to NFMC contest rules. Search "AR 13-1" at <https://www.nfmc-music.org>. There is no fee to enter. Be sure to upload all NMW entry materials with high-resolution JPEG photo by January 10, 2027 via the NFMC portal: <https://forms.nfmc-music.org>