



## Many Voices, One Nation

### 250th Anniversary of the United States eBook Student Submission Guidelines

It's time to celebrate! The United States of America is turning 250 years old! Montgomery County Public Schools will commemorate America's birthday with an eBook recognizing student talent from all of its schools. Each school will select one student's work, a poem, a short essay, an artwork, music, a performance, or a literary performance to represent it in the eBook that will be shared with students, families, and the larger community.

Student entries must reflect the eBook's theme: "Many Voices, One Nation." Students of all grade levels are invited to submit their work for consideration to their school representatives. No explicit or offensive language and/or images are permitted. All student work **MUST BE ORIGINAL**. **Please submit your document, video, musical composition or artwork in digital format by uploading it to this [form](#).**

**Competition School Contact: Mrs. Gleeson**

**Submission Deadline: April 20, 2026**

| Genre                | Length                                            | Format                                                                                                     |
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| Poem                 | Maximum 30 lines                                  | Any style (Haiku, Free Verse, Sonnet, etc.)                                                                |
| Essay                | Elementary: 150 words<br>Middle & High: 300 words | Narrative, Persuasive, or Personal Reflection                                                              |
| Literary Performance | No more than 2 minutes                            | Original poem (performed), Spoken word piece, or Narrative storytelling                                    |
| Music                | No more than 2 minutes                            | Instrumental composition, Choral piece, or Spoken word with musical accompaniment                          |
| Performance          | No more than 2 minutes                            | Dramatic monologue, Short original scene, or Dance                                                         |
| Art                  | Not applicable                                    | High-quality photograph (3.5 MB or larger) of the original 2D artwork or a vector file of the digital work |