

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS



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Dear Music Essay Chairs:

It is time to look ahead and make plans for students to enter the **2011 National Music Week Essay Contest**. Please forward this information to your replacement if you are no longer responsible for this program.

The Essay Contest is sponsored by NFMC in conjunction with National Music Week. Entrants are not required to be members of the Federation to enter and students from states without active federations may also enter. The contest is open to students in grades 7-12.

The theme for 2011 is *"Music... An Instrument of Universal Expression"*. Refer to form **AR-13-1** and the 2009-2011 NFMC Manual for complete information. **Please note that all essays are to be mailed directly to me at the address found on this page.** Due to the late mailing of the forms, the postmark deadline is extended to **February 15, 2011**.

I am asking you as a state essay chair to copy this letter and mail or email it to each local club president in your state as soon as you can. Be sure to include copies of these two attached forms: Form AR-13-1 and *Goals and Methods* (a copy of each is included with this letter). Also, ask the local clubs to give this information to local music teachers and junior counselors.

Please do what you can to encourage entrants and keep the publicity going for this worthwhile contest for music students. The guidelines follow.

- **THEME: *"Music...An Instrument of Universal Expression"***
- **POSTMARK DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2011**
- **THE ESSAY IS TO BE TYPED**
- **500 WORDS MAXIMUM**
- **STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 – 12 MAY ENTER**
- **ENTRANTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NFMC**
- **PLEASE EMPHASIZE WITH STUDENTS THAT A PERSONAL WALLET SIZE PHOTO MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR ESSAY**
- **THE NAME AND ADDRESS AND EMAIL OF THE TEACHER MUST ALSO BE INCLUDED WITH THE ESSAY**

Thank you for continuing to support this Federation program.

Sincerely,

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