

STUDENT CONTESTS

ESSAY + ART | GRADES K-12

Students are invited to share what “We the People” means today through writing or art that reflects unity, community, and the future of America.



ESSAY CONTEST

Write. Share. Inspire.

- ✓ Divisions: Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- ✓ Share your ideas about unity, kindness, civic responsibility, and what “We the People” means today.
- ✓ Word count/length varies by grade category
- ✓ Original work only.



ART CONTEST

Create. Imagine. Express.

- ✓ Divisions: Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- ✓ Create original artwork that represents “We the People”.
- ✓ Multiple mediums accepted (see full guidelines for more information).
- ✓ Original work only.



DEADLINE

Friday, May 22,
2026, at 3:00
P.M.



SUBMIT ENTRIES

City of Southfield
Attn: Rochelle Freeman
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Southfield, MI 48076



RECOGNITION

Winners will be honored at the Southfield Celebrates America 250 event on June 24, 2026

or via email rfreeman@cityofsouthfield.com

WHY PARTICIPATE?



WIN PRIZES

1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each division!
Prizes courtesy of Vibe Credit Union



BE RECOGNIZED

Receive special recognition from the City of Southfield.



BE FEATURED

Selected works will be displayed.



BE PART OF HISTORY

Winning works may be included in the City's time capsule!



MAKE AN IMPACT

Your voice and creativity help shape our community and our future.



FOR TEACHERS

- Submit individual entries or classroom bundles.
- Full guidelines, rubrics, and forms available online!



GET FULL DETAILS!

Scan the QR code or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com for complete rules, guidelines, and submission forms.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Rochelle Freeman,
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