

USA 250 - OC

THEME SONG COMPETITION

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH SONG

In honor of the 250th anniversary of America's founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, Orange County high school students are invited to create an original song that celebrates the spirit of freedom, unity, and democracy. This is an opportunity to showcase musical talent and lyrical creativity while paying tribute to the ideals that shaped our nation.

Compositions must be original and created for one of the below genres by an individual or a team of 2-3 students.

- Pop/Adult Contemporary
- Rock
- Hip Hop/Rap
- Country

**\$500 CASH
PRIZE PER
GENRE!**

- Jazz
- Rhythm and Blues/Soul
- Folk
- Classical

The top entry in each category will be performed at an Orange County July 4, 2026 event.

Submissions are due to Orange County Department of Education no later than **March 31, 2026**.

[Click Here](#) for competition details and to learn more about the selection process.

<https://link.ocde.us/usa-250-oc>



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