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America250 Essay Contest

By U.S. Senator Dave McCormick

As our nation prepares to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, I'm inviting the next generation of Pennsylvanians to reflect on that legacy and help shape the future.

This past week, I launched the America 250 Essay Contest for Pennsylvania high school students, encouraging young people across the Commonwealth to share their perspectives on the individuals, ideas, and challenges that define our nation. This contest is an opportunity for students to explore Pennsylvania's unique place in American history while thinking critically about the future they hope to build.

Winning essays will be entered into the Congressional Record, and winners will be invited to meet with me in Washington, D.C. Top runners-up will also receive a signed letter of recognition from my office.



DAVE McCORMICK
U.S. SENATOR for PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Youth Essay Contest

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

THE WINNERS WILL:

- ★ Have their essays entered into the Congressional Record
- ★ Meet with Senator McCormick in Washington, DC

WHO CAN ENTER?

All PA high school students grade 9-12

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Essay length: 600-800 words

Deadline: July 4, 2026

Email submissions to:

pa250@mccormick.senate.gov

Subject line: "250th Essay — [Name, Grade, School, City]"

CHOOSE ONE PROMPT

- 1 Choose a Pennsylvanian—from any era, any walk of life—whose story you believe every American should know. Who were they, what did they do, and what does their life reveal about what America is capable of at its best?
- 2 The Founders didn't just celebrate 1776—they built something. As America turns 250, what is the one challenge you believe the next generation must solve to make America stronger at 300? What would you do about it?

BEE CELEBRATION

JUNE 22, 2026

Meet the Beekeeper!

Join us for a walk and a taste of honey! Learn about the importance of pollinators and how WM's habitat projects are supporting conservation efforts in Northampton County.



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