

NYS STATE SENATOR JOHN LIU

**AMERICA'S 250TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 28, 2026
@ FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL**

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICA 250 ESSAY CONTEST, REFLECTING ON THE NATION'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. THIS CONTEST IS DESIGNED TO ELEVATE STUDENT VOICE AND ENCOURAGE THOUGHTFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH AMERICAN IDEALS. SELECTED ESSAYS WILL BE PLACED IN A TIME CAPSULE AT THE CELEBRATION TO BE OPENED 50 YEARS FROM NOW!

SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- **WHAT DOES AMERICA MEAN TO YOU?**
- **HOW CAN YOUNG PEOPLE HELP SHAPE AMERICA'S FUTURE?**
- **WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PAST 250 YEARS?**
- **WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR AMERICANS 50 YEARS FROM NOW? 250 YEARS FROM NOW?**
- **FORMAT: TYPED OR NEATLY HANDWRITTEN**

IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

**HOW TO SUBMIT: STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT THEIR ESSAY HERE
[VIDEO/ESSAY UPLOAD.](#)**