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America's Field Trip Contest Open to Mississippi Students

In 2026, the United States will mark our Semiquincentennial: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As part of the celebration, Mississippi students in grades 3-12 can earn a chance to go behind-the-scenes at some of America's most well-known historical landmarks through the [America's Field Trip](#) contest!

This exciting [America250](#) national initiative aims to foster a deeper understanding of our shared history and pride in our nation. Mississippi students are invited to submit an essay, artwork, or poem answering the question "What does America mean to you?"

"America250 Mississippi is excited for Mississippi students to show their creativity and discover their patriotism through the America's Field Trip contest," said First Lady Elee Reeves. "My hope is that our students will engage in this incredible opportunity to share their appreciation for our country and find further inspiration in building a bright future."

[America250 Mississippi](#) is the state's commission charged with collaborating and coordinating partnerships for the historic Semiquincentennial commemoration of the United States.

America's Field Trip First-place awardees will get to experience one of several unforgettable field trips to places like Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Ohio, the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and more. Second-place awardees will receive a \$500 cash award. The teacher associated with the top scoring student submissions in each grade level category will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Don't miss this chance to let young Mississippians be part of America's 250th anniversary! Proudly represent Mississippi and [submit](#) your student entry by April 16 and join the list [contest winners](#) from Mississippi.

For more information, visit [Official Rules & full details](#) for how to enter, eligibility restrictions, prize description/restrictions, and judging procedure. Void where prohibited.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. The contest ends at 5:00 p.m. ET on April 16, 2025. Open to U.S. students (3rd – 12th grade), with Submission by parent or teacher (unless age of majority age). First Prize awardees must travel with a parent or guardian on designated dates.