

Calling All Teenage Musicians: Win A \$400 Prize From The Music Connection!

The Music Connection and North State Parent want to hear your story!

2015 Theme: Why is music important to our world?
Why is it important to you? What experiences in music have helped you grow as a person?

If you are between the ages of 13 and 17 and live in Upper California (Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties), send us a 300-word essay on the theme above. One lucky winner will have their essay published in the North State Parent's June 2015 issue and win a \$400 gift certificate from The Music Connection in Chico or Redding. We look forward to your entries!

Submission Deadline: March 20, 2015.

Attach the following entry form to the back of your 300-word essay and mail to: North State Parent Music Contest, PO Box 1602, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. Questions? Call (530) 926-1287.

Name _____

Your Age _____

Street Address _____

City & Zipcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

What school do you attend? _____

County you live in? _____

Do you take private music lessons? Yes No

If yes, from who? (Please include Studio Name & City Location.)

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Music has, and always will, amaze me with its expression. There's no limit to what you can express or interpret in a song. Music expresses what words cannot. Words are limited to definitions that people know, but the interpretations of music never end. Music is always changing. As you grow older, the music grows with you. You express and interpret it differently every time you play, leaving no limits to music.

-Adele Duval of Redding, CA, from her 2014 winning essay. See Adele's full essay at: www.northstateparent.com/2014MusicContestWinner

Quotes from 2014 essay entries:

"I love how music can speak to you while you listen to it. There is a genre for every emotion and situation you are in. Music has the power to connect many people and touch your soul."

-Nichole Zittlel, Redding, CA

"So what has music done in my life? The answer is simple. Everything. Without music I would not have anything. Not my best friends. Not my confidence and most definitely not my individuality. My life revolves around music. It defines who I am. As corny as it sounds, I consider my life a melody in which I alone have the power to change its tune."

-Jackie Ramirez, Shingletown, CA

"I know I am exactly where I need to be when music moves through me. It inspires me to inspire others and it is the most amazing feeling to fall in love with notes on a page. Maybe music is amazing because it is my own, but at the same time I know I share a connection with music that many others also share. Music can unite us and bring people together through the emotions it brings and the love it inspires. I am one, one of many who believe in the power that is the embodiment of music." -Zoe Karch, Chico, CA

"Music has the ability to draw anyone out of themselves, and makes them mature into an overall better person. I know how much music has done for me, so I recommend that as many people as possible participate in music on some level." -Ernie Aquirre, Redding, CA

"I know I won't stop playing music. Music opens a door for creativity, interpretation, and a true passion for the wonders that music allows." -Tesslyn Knapp, Millville, CA

2012 winner
Jacob Dotson



2013 winner
Slade Patrick Darrin



2014 winner
Adele Duval

