

2026 Florida Missing Children's Day

# NATIONAL ANTHEM CONTEST



## Contest Requirements:

1. Must be 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in the State of Florida.
2. Students may submit independently or in a small group. Groups must not exceed three members. The \$150 prize will be split between each member if a group participates.
3. Students must submit an application and video or link to a video performing the first verse of the National Anthem (acapella) via email to [FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com](mailto:FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com).
4. Winner must attend and perform the National Anthem at Florida Missing Children's Day on Monday, September 14, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida.

## SUBMISSIONS DUE FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

The application, contest rules, and additional information can be found by visiting [www.fmcdf.org/student-contests](http://www.fmcdf.org/student-contests) or scanning the QR code below.



### Questions?

Phone: 850-410-7016

Send questions to:

[FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us)

Send applications/submissions to:

[FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com](mailto:FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com)

*(this email will only be checked after contest deadline)*





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**Application and Parent/Guardian Release and Consent**  
*If a group is entering, please submit this form for EVERY child.*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (1st - 8th): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If my child is selected as the National Anthem Contest winner, I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce any recording of my child singing the National Anthem and my child's first name in any state-related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the annual Florida Missing Children's Day. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with media and understand that any recordings/interviews may be edited or used, in whole or in part, or adapted with other materials, and I hereby waive all rights of privacy, compensation, control, or royalties that I may have.

I also understand that my child will be expected to perform in person at the Tallahassee event on September 14, 2026 in order to receive the award package. The statewide winner will receive a \$150 dollar prize, a signed certificate with the Florida Governor's signature, one night's hotel stay in Tallahassee on Sunday, September 13 for one room, reimbursement for gas for one vehicle and two individual meal reimbursements calculated at the state rate. If a group participates, I understand that the prize, hotel reimbursement and meal reimbursement will be split between winners. Winner families will be expected to pay the difference.

**I have read this document before signing below and warrant that I fully understand its contents.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

If your child is associated with a school or other institution's music program, please list the school or institution's information below.

School/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Administrator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Admin. Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Music Admin. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Application and video submissions **MUST BE EMAILED** to [FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com](mailto:FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please call the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Missing Children's Day Coordinator at 850-410-7016 or email [FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us). Please only send questions to this email address. Actual submissions must be emailed to [FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com](mailto:FMCDNationalAnthem@gmail.com).