



District 95

PERFORMANCE MUSIC ADVOCATES

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*****ESSAY CONTEST*****

Each year, School Band and Orchestra Magazine holds an essay contest for performance music students across the country. This year's essay theme is, "I believe music must remain a part of the school curriculum because....". They will be awarding \$20,000.00 in scholarships and prizes to the winners and their school's music program. For entry rules and details, and to enter the contest, visit www.sbomagazine.com and click on essay contest 2010.

The Performance Music Advocates think this is a great idea and we want to hear what you have to say. Submit your essay to us by Dec. 18 and you will be eligible to win an additional prize. We will be awarding three \$100.00 prizes to District 95 performance music students, one for elementary students (grades 4 – 5) , one for middle school students (grades 6 – 8) and finally, one prize at the high school level (grades 9 – 12). Additionally, the winner's ensembles will each receive a \$100.00 grant. The winning essays will be posted on our website, www.performancemusicadvocates.org .

Essay Rules: Must be 250 words or less. Entries must be received by Performance Music Advocates by December 18. Entries may be submitted by mail to: Performance Music Advocates, c/o Leslie Dwyer, 20 Echo Lake Road, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047, by email to: info@performancemusicadvocates.org , or turned in to your ensemble director. Please include: Name, Address, Phone, Age, Grade, School, Program and Director's Name. The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in District 95 performance music programs, grades 4 – 12. Winning entries will be chosen by a panel of judges from across the district.

Remember, these are two separate contests. You will need to submit your essay to both SBO Magazine AND Performance Music Advocates to be eligible for prizes in each contest.