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helps support music programs in public schools. Chris, along with the other contestants, had to record an original song and explain why music is important in the schools. His entry, "You're My Only One," earned him a spot among 10 finalists. You can find it online at www.theriverboston.com under the "Discover" tab at the top of the page.

Chris writes: "Once I'm into the lyrics I let everything I have to the music. So I can express my story and share it because not everyone has time to share. So once I get a chance to show people I'm going to take it. Cause music took me from a life full of stress to a life full of happiness."

The finalists will all be recognized June 5 at the River Music Hall where the grand prize winner will also be announced.

That person will be able to professionally record their song, have it played on the radio and also open for a national recording artist at an upcoming concert in November. The schools of the top three finalists will also get \$1,000 grant each.

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Music does matter

Salem High's Chris Fedders was just named a 2015



Chris Fedders

Music Matters finalist. The annual contest, part of the Salem Five Bank and radio station FM 92.5/The River,

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