

NFMC JUNIOR COMPOSERS
INFORMATION FOR JUDGES OF THE NFMC JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST

JR 7-4

The National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest provides Junior musicians, through the age of 18, the opportunity to express their creativity in writing music. They may enter one of four classifications according to their age.

Class I	Ages 9 and under
Class II	Ages 10-12
Class III	Ages 13-15
Class IV	Ages 16-18

Entrants have the opportunity to work toward Federation Cups, with the first cup being earned with 15 points. Points received for ratings are:

Superior	8 points for two or more instruments; 7 points for one instrument
Excellent	6 points
Satisfactory	5 points
Fair	3 points
Needs Improvement	1 point

All materials (score and recording) will be emailed to the judge, and returned in a timely manner for the next step of the contest.

Please consider carefully the following:

- The abilities of the entrants for the age bracket in which they are entered.
- Give a critique with encouraging comments on good points/include suggestions for improvement.
- Match rating to comments.
- Please use the recording only as a guide; if there is a discrepancy between the sound entry and the composition, judge the composition. Recordings are not always done by the composer.
- Indicate in the written comments the reason for not awarding the maximum points.
- Take into account *content and musicianship* when judging.
- Select compositions of sufficient merit to be declared winners.

STATE JUDGES: Select the first and second place winners in each of the four classifications.

REGIONAL JUDGES: Select winning compositions in each of the four classifications as follows:

- 2 compositions in Class I
- 2 compositions in Class II
- 3 compositions in Class III
- 3 compositions in Class IV

Regional winners are not ranked; all move to the National Contest as equals.

REGIONAL VALENTIN AWARDS:

- Class I 2 - \$ 75* awards in each of 5 regions
- Class II 2 - \$ 75* awards in each of 5 regions
- Class III 3 - \$ 75* awards in each of 5 regions
- Class IV 3 - \$ 75* awards in each of 5 regions

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NATIONAL JUDGES: Select recipients for the following awards:

NATIONAL PRIZE AWARDS:

Junior Class I	(ages 9 and under)	\$125*, \$100*,	and 2 incentive awards of \$50*
Junior Class II	(ages 10 - 12)	\$150*, \$100*,	and 2 incentive awards of \$75*
Junior Class III	(ages 13 - 15)	\$200*, \$150*,	and 3 incentive awards of \$100
Junior Class IV	(ages 16 - 18)	\$250*, \$150*,	and 4 incentive awards of \$100*

NATIONAL NAMED AWARDS:

- \$125* John and Margaret Pierson Composers Award in Class III
- \$200* Junior Composers Award for Strings in Class IV
- \$125 Laura K. Wilson Award for Piano in Class IV
- \$125 Olga Klein Nelson Award in Class IV

*In the event of financial shortfalls, advertised award amounts may be adjusted. Applicants would be notified of the award change.

Thank you for your time and energy expended.
The National Federation of Music Clubs deeply appreciates your valuable service.