
Junior Festival Benefits

Why your Students benefit from participating in the Junior Festival

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A professional organization sponsored by the National Federation of Music clubs.

Founded in 1898, NFMC has become the largest nonprofit organization in America to promote and support American music, performers and music education. As a grassroots organization working in communities throughout America, we provide musical opportunities for all ages: professional and amateur musicians, benefactors, volunteers, music lovers, music teachers, music students, and supportive parents. There are many opportunities and activities in which our over 135,000 members participate: Festival programs, competitive events, community outreach or just meeting music lovers in your community.

Rewards!

The plan has both ribbons and gold cups in order to reward a students participation and honor their achievement. They look forward to progressing to the next level in gold cup size as well as strive for that perfect score. Each ribbon represents how well they have done.

All ages participate!

Students as young as preschool up to Senior adults who are excited to have a goal to work toward and a place to perform.

Professional judging.

Each event is adjudicated by an experienced teacher and/or professional performer who writes a thorough critique of the performance. We have standardized judging forms that allow the student to understand what is expected of them to achieve a superior rating. There is always a section of the judging format to praise the good achieved along side the comments for improvement.

More than just Performance.

There are categories that are included to enhance the students' well rounded music education.

Theory tests that challenge the way students perceive their music and improve their learning curve by identifying form and structure of music.

Composition events that allow for great creativity and another track for understanding how music works by writing it themselves!

Essays about music to express in a written format what music means to them.

Each of these events are prepared for in advance of the day of Festival performance and are less stressful. They count towards earning a gold cup!

All of this for one fee!

Scholarships.

Junior Festival is not a competition. However, for upper level (Medium and above) students, there is opportunity to compete for a spot in the IFMC State Honors Recital/Competition.

Criteria include superior ratings the day of Festival and the teachers recommendation.

Monetary awards are given at the local and state level. The National also offers monetary awards for the Composition and Essay events for those judged superior and competing at the upper (Medium and above) levels.

Other Scholarships are available to those who participated in the Festival. They include piano, voice and other instruments that are named for and sponsored by former past presidents of IFMC or NFMC who have a love for passing on our great musical heritage. For a complete listing, see the Scholarship fact sheet for Indiana as well as the NFMC website.

Local

Its right in your backyard. Each teacher who participates joins an area that is close to home and studio for the students as well. Those who achieve superior upper levels are eligible to travel to State wide and Nation wide venues.
