



## Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest

Welcome to the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest 2025.

Please read this letter before continuing to the NFMC site and registering. It contains information that is particular to MFMC and hopefully will guide you more comfortably through the process.

1. You will need this information to complete your registration form:
  - \* State Deadline - January 15 • State Fee - \$ 23.75; Gold Cup Fee - \$ 8.00.  
MN requires entering with Gold Cup Fee.  
NEW: The National deadline gives us a little more time, so if you miss the state deadline, let me know and I'll let you know if you are still okay.
2. Go to [www.nfmc-music.org/competitions-awards/](http://www.nfmc-music.org/competitions-awards/) Read this page before going to the next step.
3. At the top of the page, click on Select Main Category and choose Junior Composers Awards. Then click on SEARCH. You do not need subcategory or age.
4. Please read the rules first. There is a link within this page to both the registration portal and the payment portal. There is also a place that says "Apply now", but you might miss something in the rules if you go there first. So, go to your class as of March 1 of the year you are entering. Click on Rules and read these first even if you have entered the contest before. Please make sure that you have formatted your score as indicated on this page. Please remember that if you are authorizing the organization to give you publicity if you are a winner, click on the PR request. When you apply, there is a place at the bottom of the page to drag both your pdf score and the mp3 file.
5. Information that is on the website that might be confusing: on the composers awards page, the column between the entry fee and the deadline is one labeled Award Amount. That award is for national winners only. Each state and region may give awards, but it is individual for the states and regions. MN offers scholarships to Junior Composers Summer Programs to the Class III and Class IV winners.
6. Two compositions, designated 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, from each age class will be sent to the regional competition. States in the North Central region (NCR) are Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Winners at the regional level will advance to the national level and national winners will be announced around May 1.

In addition to the competition element of this event, all entries in MN will have points counted toward gold cups. After I have received the judge comments around March 1, I will email rating sheets, gold cup standing, and if you are advancing to the regional level.

I will pass on winners information as I receive it. Know that no matter what happens, you need to be proud of yourself for being creative, for continuing to try under all circumstances. I personally listen to all of your compositions and am very, very proud to be the state chair for such a gifted group of students.

Teachers who are encouraging students to take the musical risks required in composing, we thank you. You are giving your students a magical gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharon Kaplan'.

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