

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS



COMPETITIONS & AWARDS CHART 2026 - 2027

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AWARD APPLICANTS

COMPETITION AND AWARDS (C&A) CHART

The C&A Chart may be downloaded from www.nfmc-music.org or ordered from NFMC Headquarters, 1646 Smith Valley Rd. Greenwood IN 46142. The Chart includes only endowed NFMC Awards. Check Individual State Federation websites for possible additional awards.

APPLICATION FORMS, INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Award requirements and application forms are available on the NFMC website www.nfmc-music.org or contact the Chair of the specific award. **All NFMC Individual award applications must be submitted online by uploading them to the NFMC website.**
(*Exception: Club Awards should be mailed to the award chair*)

U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

Applicants for individual awards must be native-born/naturalized U.S. citizens. (*Exceptions: Lynn Freeman Olson Composition, Lynn Freeman Olson Piano Pedagogy Award, Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Award and International Music Camp—at least 50% of IMC award recipients must be U.S. citizens.*)

NFMC MEMBERSHIP

Applicants must be NFMC members either by individual, organizational or associate group affiliation before applications are accepted. (*Exceptions: Young Artist Awards, Ellis Piano Duo Awards, National Music Week Essay, Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Award, Summer Music Center Awards, and the three Veterans Awards.*) Application forms will include specific membership information.

Note: *In competitions requiring NFMC membership, applicants must hold membership in the division in which the competition is listed (e.g. Junior entrants must be members of the Junior Division; Student entrants of the Student/Collegiate Division, etc.)*

FIRST PLACE WINNER LIMITATIONS

- No individual may enter, in the same year, competitions in multiple divisions even if they hold membership in more than one division.
- No first-place winner of an individual NFMC award listed in the C&A Chart is eligible to compete again for the same award.
(*Exception: NFMC Veterans Awards where entrants may win first place awards multiple times but not consecutively, and the Jr. Composers competition in which first place winners may compete in a different category but not the same category.*)
- First place winners of Arts and American Music Division monetary awards may win First Place multiple times, but not consecutively. (*Exceptions: National Music Week Essay Contest*) Previous winners of Recognition awards will receive lower priority than new applicants of equal merit.)

THE NFMC

The NFMC, a not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to MUSIC EDUCATION and promotion of CREATIVE and PERFORMING ARTS in AMERICA.

Since its founding in 1898, the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS has grown into one of the world's largest music organizations with Junior, Student and Adult clubs and individual members. The NFMC is chartered by the Congress of the United States and is a member of the United Nations. Dedicated to finding and fostering young musical talent, the NFMC offers more than three quarters of a million dollars annually in state and national competitions.

Anyone wishing to become a NFMC member, subscribe to magazines, receive literature or make a tax-exempt contribution may contact the National Headquarters. For more information about the Federation, visit the website listed below.

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Applicants must have reached their 19th birthday but not the 26th birthday by the application date

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CLUB AWARDS

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

President: Deborah Freeman

2025-2026 COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS CHART

Chair: Competitions and Awards Board & Division

Lucinda Lear, NCTM, 600 Park Lane, Apt. 7308, Waterloo, IA 50702, lmlear@me.com

NFMC INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

BIENNIAL YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

ODD NUMBERED YEARS

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Young Artist Auditions	PIANO STRINGS MAN'S VOICE WOMAN'S VOICE	Instrumentalist: Must have reached the 18 th birthday but not the 30 th birthday by June 1, the year of the audition. Vocalist: Must have reached the 25 th birthday, but not the 37 th birthday by June 1, the year of the audition.	\$100 for each category	\$20,000—1 st Place \$ 5,000—2 nd Place Awards In each category	February 1, year of Auditions	Dr. Zuill Bailey zblb@verizon.net

BIENNIAL ELLIS DUO PIANO AWARDS

ODD NUMBERED YEARS

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Ellis Competition for Duo Pianists	DUO PIANO	Must have reached 18 th , but not 39 th birthday by February 1, 2021	\$50 per team	1 st Place--\$20,000 (duo team) 2 nd Place--\$5,000 (duo team)	February 1, year of auditions	Naomi Sanchez naomi11sanchez@gmail.com
NFMC American Music Award Faye and John Abild				\$1,000 to be awarded to one of the duo finalist teams for the best performance of American Music.		

NFMC ARMED FORCES and VETERANS AWARDS

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Anne Gannett Biennial Award for Veterans honoring a Past National President	Former students who have served in the armed forces of our country & who wish to resume <u>study</u> in pursuit of a career in music	None	\$20	\$2,000	May 1 in odd-numbered years	Paul Brady pe9773@gmail.com
NFMC Lucille Parrish Ward Veteran's Annual Award honoring a Past National President	Former students who have served in the armed forces of our country & who wish to resume <u>study</u> in pursuit of a career in music	None	\$20	\$2,250	May 1-ANNUAL	Paul Brady pe9773@gmail.com
NFMC American Music Annual U.S. Armed Forces Awards	COMPOSITION	None	\$10	\$1,000—1 st Place \$ 500—2 nd Place	May 1-ANNUAL	Paul Brady pe9773@gmail.com

SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS - BIENNIAL

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Alpha Corinne Mayfield Scholarship	OPERATIC VOICE	Must have reached the 20 th , but not 36 th birthday by February 1, the year of auditions.	\$10	\$1,500	February 1 in odd numbered years	Moriah Schmidt Moriahhayes92@gmail.com
NFMC Glad Robinson Youse Adult Composers Award	PIANO or ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD SOLO/DUET, WIND or STRING SOLO, CHAMBER MUSIC VOCAL SOLO, SSA or SATB CHORAL	Senior Division	\$10	\$800	February 1 in odd numbered years	Ron Marenchin ronmarenchin@ohio.net

SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS - ANNUAL

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Emil and Ruth Beyer Composition Awards	PIANO SOLO, PIANO-VOICE, or CHAMBER MUSIC COMPOSITION	Must have reached the 20 th , but not 31 st birthday by March 1	\$20	Piano Solo \$2,500 Piano-Voice \$2,500 Chamber Music (instrumental only): \$4,000 1 st Place \$2,000 2 nd Place	March 1	Dr. Donald M. Hassler extrap@kent.edu
NFMC Dr. Ouida Keck Award honoring a Past National President	Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher	Minimum age requirement of 21	\$10	\$2,000	May 1	Dr. Elaine Brady pe973@aol.com
NFMC Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Award	HANDBELLS	None	\$10	\$500	April 1	Pat Reuter Riddle pianoriddle@gmail.com
NFMC Hinda Honigman Awards for the Blind honoring Past National President	INSTRUMENTALIST or VOCALIST	18 and above	\$10	1 st Place - \$2,000 2 nd Place - \$ 500	February 1	Mary Margaret Yeilding johnoy@charter.net
NFMC Vivian Menees Nelson Award for the Disabled and Visually Impaired	INSTRUMENTAL or VOICE	25 through 34	\$10	\$1000	February 1	Mary Margaret Yeilding johnoy@charter.net
NFMC Martha Marcks Mack Sr. Vocal Award	Man's or Woman's Voice	Graduate students pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Vocal Performance	\$20	\$5,000	March 1	Melanie Perez PerezPiano@gmail.com
NFMC Virginia Allison Collaborative Award honoring a Past National President	VOCAL ACCOMPANYING OR INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANYING	Must have reached the 20 th but not the 31 st birthday by application deadline the year of auditions	\$10	\$2,000	March 1	Kay Hawthorne bkhaw@cox.net
NFMC Thelma A. Robinson Award in Conducting honoring a Past National President	Conducting: Choral, Orchestral, or Winds	Must be a Graduate Student attending Dayton University	None	\$1,000	Chosen by University	Donna Gerber minydur@twc.com
NFMC Music Outreach	<u>Individual</u> with most hours	ARTS Division	None	\$150	AR 10-3 April 1 to state (May 1 to national chair)	Dr. Cheryl Davis cheryl_davis@woodberry.org

STUDENT-COLLEGIATE AUDITIONS AWARDS - BIENNIAL

ODD NUMBERED YEARS

Student-Collegiate age: 19 through 25

Members of the Student-Collegiate Division should also carefully check the NFMC Summer Music Center Awards, as various age levels are included in Summer Music Center opportunities.

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Student-Collegiate Auditions	Piano, Organ, Man's Voice, Woman's Voice, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion	19 through 25 (Applicants must have reached their 19 th birthday but not the 26 th birthday by the application date)	\$30 for Each category	\$3,000 for the winner in each category. Performance at Biennial Convention when feasible. \$1000- 2 nd Place Award in each Category	March 1, the year of Auditions	Dr. Stephen Rushing stephenrushing321@gmail.com

STUDENT-COLLEGIATE AWARDS - BIENNIAL

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Elizabeth Grieger Wiegand Sacred Music of the Faiths Award	Music majors, concentration in piano, organ, choral conducting, voice, guitar OR currently active as a worship musician	19 through 25 (Applicants must have reached 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline)	\$10	\$750	March 1 odd numbered years	Dr. Paula Savaglio pccsavglio@gmail.com
NFMC Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Awards	KEYBOARD COMPOSITION	Advanced: H.S. Graduate through age 25. High School: Grades 10-11-12	Paid by private donor	\$2,250 \$1,500	March 1 odd numbered years	Lisa Smith lcsplano@hotmail.com
NFMC Lynn Freeman Olson Award in Piano Pedagogy	PIANO	All ages pursuing a graduate degree in Piano	\$20	\$6,000	March 1 odd numbered years	Naomi Sanchez naomi11sanchrz@gmail.com

STUDENT-COLLEGIATE COMPOSITION AWARDS – ANNUAL

Students may enter one manuscript with a \$10.00 entry fee by March 1. Judges will adjudicate all compositions and determine winners of the awards listed below.

Awards are not to be applied for separately.

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Student-Collegiate Composition Awards	COMPOSITION: Class I: Sonata or Comparable Work for solo wind or string Instrument with piano, or for any combination of 3 to 5 Instruments, of which the piano may be one. Class II: Choral Work Class III: Piano Solo Class IV: Vocal Solo with Piano, Organ, or Orchestral accompaniment. English text.	19 through 25 (Applicants must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline) Must be a junior, senior, or graduate student in college, majoring in music	\$10	March 1	Jim McCutcheon jim@mccutcheonmusic.com
Name of the Award			Amount of the Award		
NFMC Marion Richter American Music Composition Award			\$1,250		
NFMC Beyer Young Composers Awards			\$1,500 and \$1,000		
NFMC Nadworney/Valentin Award for Vocal Solo			\$1,000		
NFMC Hatz Special Recognition Award			1 - \$275 award in memory of Nancy B. and Russell C. Hatz		

STUDENT-COLLEGIATE AWARDS - ANNUAL

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarships	MUSIC EDUCATION	A college <i>junior</i> majoring in Music Education at a college or university offering a degree in music education	\$10	\$1,500 – 1 st Place \$ 500 – 2 nd Place	March 1	Melissa Warnick mfwarnick@gmail.com
NFMC Myrtle Mehan/Hazel Morgan Music Education Scholarship	MUSIC EDUCATION	A college <i>sophomore</i> majoring in Music Education at a college or university offering a degree in music education	\$10	\$1,000	March 1	Melissa Warnick mfwarnick@gmail.com
NFMC Dorothy Dann Bullock Music Therapy Scholarship Honoring a Past National President	MUSIC THERAPY	Offered to Music Therapy Majors (college <i>sophomores, juniors, seniors</i>) in Accredited schools offering Music Therapy degrees approved by the National Association of Music Therapists	\$10	\$1,500 for further Study (paid to approved school of recipient's choice)	March 1	Susan Von Nessen susanvn3330@yahoo.com
NFMC Carey Wilson Music Therapy Scholarship	MUSIC THERAPY	College <i>juniors, seniors, graduate students or graduates</i> in internship in music therapy at schools offering degrees approved by National Association of Music Therapists	\$10	\$1,000 for further study (paid to approved school of recipient's choice).	March 1	Susan Von Nessen susanvn3330@yahoo.com
NFMC Ruth B. Robertson Music Therapy Scholarship Honoring a Past National President	MUSIC THERAPY	College <i>juniors or seniors</i> majoring in Music Therapy at schools offering degrees approved by the National Association of Music Therapists.	\$10	\$650 for further study (paid to approved school of recipient's choice).	March 1	Susan Von Nessen susanvn3330@yahoo.com
NFMC Herman and Mary Neumann Scholarship	VOICE or STRINGS	Must be a sophomore attending Miami University of OH	None	\$1,000 for further study at Miami Univ. Oxford, Ohio	Chosen by the university	Dr. Jeremy Long jeremy.long@miamioh.edu
NFMC Oscar Valentin Violin Award	VIOLIN	Must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$1,500	March 1	Marion Peraza perazam@miamioh.edu
NFMC Ernest A. Bluhm Flute Award	FLUTE	Applicants must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline	\$10	\$800	March 1	Dana Boney Billdana0809@att.net
NFMC Elizabeth Paris Award in French Horn honoring a Past National President	FRENCH HORN	Applicants must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline	\$10	\$2,000	March 1	Jane Bauer rhodies2@bellsouth.net
NFMC Carolyn Nelson Double Reed Awards Honoring a Past National President	DOUBLE REEDS	Applicants must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline	\$10	\$1,500- 1 st Place \$ 750- 2 nd Place	March 1	Tim Baumann tim@internationalmusiccamp.com
NFMC Classical Guitar Award	GUITAR	Applicants must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline	\$10	\$2,000	March 1	Connor Barney Cbarney16@gmail.com
NFMC Frances Nelson Tuba Award honoring a past National President	TUBA	Must have reached the 19 th but not the 26 th birthday by the application deadline	\$10	\$800	March 1	Daryl Jessen mrband1@yahoo.com
NFMC Barbara M. Irish Harp Award honoring a past National President	HARP	Must be an undergraduate, preferably junior at Curtis Institute of Music	None	\$5,500	Chosen by the Institute	Mary Claire Sullivan maryclaire.sullivan@curtis.edu

JUNIOR AWARDS - BIENNIAL

Junior age: Must not have reached the 19th birthday by March 1.

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Claire Ulrich Whitehurst (Flanagan) Piano Solo Award	PIANO SOLO	High School: Grades 10-11-12 Must not have reached 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$500 1 st Place (for further study) \$250 2 nd Place	March 1, even Numbered years	Marcia Chaplin Marciachaplin2@gmail.com
NFMC Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Awards	COMPOSITION	Intermediate: Grades 7-8-9 High School: Grades 10-11-12	Paid by private donor	\$750 (Intermediate) \$1500 (High School)	March 1, odd numbered years	Lisa Smith lcsplano@hotmail.com
NFMC Thelma A. Robinson Award in Ballet honoring a Past National President	BALLET	12 -14	\$20	\$2,500	February 1, odd numbered years	Karen Bourne bournekaren49@gmail.com

JUNIOR AWARDS - ANNUAL

Members of the Junior Division should also check NFMC Summer Scholarships, as various age levels are included in Summer Music Center opportunities.

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Herman and Mary Neumann Award to Interlochen Arts Academy	PIANO, VOICE, ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS	Must be in High School	NONE	\$1,000	February 1	Interlochen Arts Academy Interlochen MI 49643
NFMC Martha Marcks Mack Junior Vocal Award	VOCAL	High School Grades: 10 – 11 – 12 Must not have reached the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$1,500 - 1 st Place \$1,000 - 2 nd Place \$ 500 – 3 rd Place	March 1	Kristin Ivers Kivers210@gmail.com
NFMC Lana M. Bailey Piano Concerto Awards honoring a Past National President	Piano Concerto	High School Senior who has not reached the 19 th birthday by May 1	\$10	\$1,500 – 1 st Place \$ 500 – 2 nd Place	May 1	Lana M. Bailey zblb@verizon.net
NFMC Joyce Walsh Junior Awards for Individuals with Special Needs	INSTRUMENTAL and VOCAL	Must have reached the 12 th but not the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$2,500—1 st Place \$2,000—2 nd Place 1 - \$1,000 award in each of the five regions.	March 1	Dr. Chad Spears chadspears@boisestate.edu
NFMC Stillman Kelley National Instrumental Awards NFMC Thelma Byrum Piano Award in Stillman Kelley Auditions. (Kelley & Byrum awards cannot be applied for separately)	INSTRUMENTAL PIANO	Must not have reached the 19 th birthday by March 1	\$10	\$2,000— 1 st Place (for further study) \$1,000 – 2 nd Place \$750 – 3 rd Place 5 regional awards @ \$500 each \$750 for further study	March 1	Dr. Jason Sifford jason@siffordmusic.com

Name	Category	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
NFMC Benzinger/Valentin Junior Blind Performance Awards	INSTRUMENTAL and VOCAL	Must have reached the 10 th birthday but not the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$1,000 – 1 st Place \$500 – 2 nd Place 1 - \$250 award in each of the five NFMC Regions	March 1	Grace Joy Reid
NFMC Agnes Fowler Junior Blind Composition Award	COMPOSITION	Must have reached the 10 th but not the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10 per manuscript	\$1,000	March 1	Grace Joy Reid
NFMC Dance Awards	BALLET and/or Dance Styles	Must have reached the 11 th but not the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	Age 11-14: \$200 – 1 st Place \$100 – 2 nd Place Age 15-18: \$400 – 1 st Place \$200 – 2 nd Place	March 1	Lisa Moore nfmc.dance.award@gmail.com
NFMC Mary Alice Cox Awards	CELLO OR DOUBLE BASS	Must not have reached the 19 th birthday as of application deadline	\$20	\$2,500 – 1 st Place \$1,500 – 2 nd Place \$1,000 - 3 rd Place	March 1	Anna Cosma themusicalpiano@gmail.com
NFMC Angie Greer Music in Poetry Awards	POETRY	Must not have reached the 19 th birthday by November 1	\$5	\$100 in each of the five NFMC Regions	November 1	Debra Hughes bndhughes@comcast.net
NFMC National Music Week Essay Contest	ESSAY	Must be in grades 7 through 12	NONE	\$75 in each of the 50 states	January 10 (to regional chair)	Kathie White Whiteka23@yahoo.com
NFMC Wendell Irish Viola Awards	VIOLA	Must have reached the 12 th but not the 19 th birthday by application deadline	\$10	\$2,000 – 1 st Place \$1,000 – 2 nd Place 1 - \$500 Award in each of the 5 NFMC Regions	March 1	Dr. George Keck keckg@att.net
Marilyn Caldwell Solo Piano Awards	PIANO SOLO	High School Grades 10-11-12	\$10	\$1,250 – 1 st Place \$ 750 – 2 nd Place	March 1	Dr. Marschnee Strong mstrongpianist@gmail.com
NFMC Michael R. Edwards Graduating Senior Performance Award honoring a Past National President	Scholarship for Music Major	Graduating HS Senior year of the award	\$20	\$5,000	May 1	Michael R. Edwards micedwards@aol.com

JUNIOR AWARDS – ANNUAL (Continued)

Members of the Junior Division should also check NFMC Summer Scholarships, as various age levels are included in Summer Music Center opportunities.

JUNIOR COMPOSERS

Name	Age Limit	Entry Fee	Amount of Award	Deadline for Application	NFMC Chair
Class I	9 and under	\$5 per entry plus state entry fee	\$150-1 st Place, \$125-2 nd Place, and 2 incentive awards at \$100 each	February 1 to National Chair; contact chair for state deadline	Tom Gerou tgerou@tomgeroumusic.com
Class II	10-12	\$5 per entry plus state entry fee	\$175-1 st Place, \$125-2 nd Place, and 2 incentive awards at \$100 each	See Above	See Above
Class III	13-15	\$5 per entry plus state entry fee	\$225-1 st Place, \$175-2 nd Place, and \$150-3 rd Place John and Margaret Pierson award; 3 Incentive Awards \$125 each	See Above	See Above
Class IV	16-18	\$5 per entry plus state entry fee	\$300-1 st Place, \$200-2 nd Place, \$150-3 rd Place Olga Klein Nelson Award, and 4 Incentive Awards of \$150. \$250—Outstanding string composition. \$150—Outstanding piano composition, Laura K. Wilson Memorial Award honoring Dorothy Dann Bullock.	See Above	See Above
NFMC Oscar Valentin Regional Awards		Included in fee above; Not to be applied for separately	Class I: 2 at \$100 in the five Regions Class II: 2 at \$100 in the five Regions Class III: 3 awards at \$100 in the five Regions Class IV: 3 awards at \$100 in the five Regions		See Above

NFMC SUMMER MUSIC CENTER AWARDS

Chair: Mary Ellen Nolletti, 863-258-1717; snupy36@msn.com

All Summer award applicants must apply to the centers below before being considered for the awards below

Applicants for the Idaho Gwladys Comstock Award must apply directly with the chair listed below before being considered for the award

Center	Category and Award Name	Age Limit	Amount of Award	Camp Date	Admissions Contact	NFMC Representative
Idaho Gwladys Comstock Award to camp of recipient's choice	Instrumental Voice	12-18	\$500	\$10		Kelsey Webb Kelseywebb07@gmail.com
Aspen School of Music NFMC Award Aspen, CO www.aspenmusicfestival.com	Strings	Up to 25	\$1,250	9 weeks June-August	Megan McDevitt 970-205-5052 mmcdevitt@aspenmusic.org	Linda King lckking@aol.com
Brevard Music Center Brevard NC www.brevardmusic.org	<i>NFMC Rose Thomas Smith Award</i> for Band and Orchestral instruments	14-20	\$2,500	6 ½ weeks June-August	Beth Kramer admissions@brevardmusic.org	Dale Clark Daleclark711@yahoo.com
	<i>NFMC Lucile Parrish Ward Award</i> Piano (1 st preference) or band and orchestral instruments	18-24	\$2,000			

NFMC SUMMER MUSIC CENTER AWARDS (continued)

Center	Category and Award Name	Age Limit	Amount of Award	Camp Date	Admissions Contact	NFMC Representative
Chautauqua Music School Chautauqua, NY www.ciweb.org	<i>PFMC Award Endowed by PFMC and supplemented by NFMC Valentin</i>	18-25	\$500 award	7 weeks July-August	Sarah Malinoski-Umberger music@ciweb.org	Ruth Ann McChesney pfmcrum@hotmail.com
	<i>NYFMC Award Endowed by NYFMC and supplemented by NFMC Valentin</i>	18-25	\$500 award			Ruth Ann McChesney pfmcrum@hotmail.com
	<i>NFMC Eleanor Pascoe/Nancy Hatz Award for Voice</i>	18-25	\$500 award			Ruth Ann McChesney pfmcrum@hotmail.com
	<i>NFMC Martha Marcks Mack Awards for Voice</i>	18-25	3 – \$2,000 awards			Ruth Ann McChesney pfmcrum@hotmail.com
Eastern Festival of Music Greensboro, NC www.easternmusicfestival.org	Orchestral Instruments, Piano	14-20	\$1,000	6 weeks Mid-June early August	Melissa Edwards admissions@easternmusicfestival.org	William P. Carroll bcarroll@uncg.edu
Stephen Collins Foster Music Camp Richmond, KY www.fostercamp.org	<i>NFMC Irene Muir Awards Honoring a Past National President for Instrumental, Voice, Piano, Guitar</i>	Jr. and Sr. High	4 - \$300 awards	4-two week sessions & 2-one week sessions	Ben Walker Ben.walker@eku.edu	Sue Ann Reeves suejettrees@gmail.com
Opera in the Ozarks Eureka Springs, AR www.opera.org	NFMC Award for Opera	18-35	\$2,100 paid to OIO	8 week session June-July	Dr. Tom Cockrell artisticdirector@opera.org	Lois Armor loisarmor@sbcglobal.net
	<i>NFMC Mary Prudie Brown Scholarship Honoring a Past National President for continuing education/opera</i>	18-35	\$2,000 paid to approved school of recipient's choice			Jean Moffatt Jmoffatt129@gmail.com
	<i>NFMC Martha Marcks Mack Awards in Opera-Apprentice Artist</i>	18-35	2 - \$3,000 awards paid to OIO			Carla Johnson carlaj301@aol.com
Interlochen Arts Camp Interlochen, MI www.interlochen.org/camp	<i>NFMC Herman and Mary Neumann Award for Piano, Voice Orchestral instruments</i>	High School	\$1,000	6 weeks July-August	Interlochen Arts Camp admission@interlochen.org/camp	Hazel Lawrence hhlawrence@aol.com
International Music Camp Peace Gardens, ND www.internationalmusiccamp.com	<i>NFMC Agnes Jardine Awards Honoring a Past National President for Band, Piano, Guitar, Orchestra, Art, Dance, Drama</i>	Jr and Sr High (at least half of recipients must be U.S. Citizens)	6-\$200 awards Plus \$50 additional	8 weeks June-July	Tim & Christine Baumann info@internationalmusiccamp.com	Deborah Eraas Deraas7@gmail.com
Composers Institute University of Wisconsin-River Falls, WI www.composersinstitute.net	<i>NFMC Evelyn Sampson Award in Composition for students whose teacher is member of NFMC</i>	14-19	\$750	First full week after July 4	Pat Grantier grantierpat@gmail.com	Pat Grantier grantierpat@gmail.com
Kneisel Hall Blue Hill, ME www.kneisel.org	<i>NFMC Ada Holding Miller Award honoring a Past National President for Strings, Piano</i>	15-30	\$1,250	7 weeks June-August	Meredith Amado meredith@kneisel.org	Meredith Amado meredith@kneisel.org

NFMC SUMMER MUSIC CENTER AWARDS (continued)

Marrowstone Music Festival NFMC Award Seattle, WA www.marrowstone.org	Orchestral (except percussion)	13-21	\$1,000	3 weeks August	Seattle Youth Symphony Evan Berge evan.berge@syso.org	Admissions wendy.devaney@syso.org
Meadowmount School Westport, NY www.meadowmount.org	<i>NFMC Suzanne Anderson Award for Violin, Viola, or Cello</i>	10-18	\$1,000	8 weeks-June-August	Emily Heckel Heckel@meadowmount.org	Anna Louise Martin almartin@meadowmount.org
Music Academy of the West NFMC Award Santa Barbara, CA admissions@musicacademy.org	Opera	Open	\$1,500	June-August	Anais Pellegrini www.musicacademy.org	Anais Pellegrini www.musicacademy.org
Ravinia Festival/Stearns Music Institute Highland Park, IL www.ravinia.org/stearns.aspx	Instrumental Jazz Funded by NFMC <i>Rose Thomas Smith Legacy</i>	College	\$3,000	2 weeks-June	Ravinia Festival ravinia@ravinia.org	Terry Tennes terrytennes@yahoo.com
Rocky Ridge Music Center NFMC Award Estes Park ,CO www.rockyridge.org	Orchestral Instruments	Sr. High, College, (Exception al Jr. High considered)	\$1,000	5 weeks June-July	So Young Lee soyoung@rockyridge.org	Karen Greenhalgh greenhalghkaren8261@gmail.com
Santa Fe Opera Santa Fe, NM www.santafeopera.org	<i>NFMC Ruth Freehoff Award for Opera</i>	20-30	\$1,000	June-August	Chandler Johnson cjohnson@santafeopera.org	Linda King lckking@aol.com
Sewanee Summer Music Center Festival Sewanee, TN www.ssmf.sewanee.edu	<i>NFMC Gladys Coult Award for Orchestra, Piano and Chamber Music</i>	High School or College	\$1,000	4 week June-July	Imani Duhe iduhe@sewanee.edu	Mary Ellen Nolletti snupy36@msn.com
The Walden School NFMC Award Dublin, NH www.waldenschool.org	Composition and Theory	9-18	\$1,000	5 weeks June-July	Noah Mlotek nmlotekl@waldenschool.org	Noah Mlotek nmlotekl@waldenschool.org

**NFMC CLUB AND INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS – ANNUAL
AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION**

Applications can be found on NFMC Website American Music Division <https://www.nfmc-music.org/publicationcategory/american/>

Name	Category	Award Amounts	Deadline	Application Form #	NFMC Chair
Professor Rudolf R.A. Schramm	American Music Division SENIOR	1st Place-\$300 2nd Place-\$200 3rd Place- 2@\$100 each for November Parade of American Music	March 1	AM-1	Ruth Morrow 138 Waddell Road Greenville SC 29609 morrowrm@charter.net
	American Music Division JUNIOR	\$100 for Parade of American Music	March 1	AM-1	
Just Jazz! Recognition Awards	American Music Division JUNIOR	10 awards @ \$25 For Celebrating Jazz!	May 1	AM 8-1	Wendell Anderson 602 Falmouth Drive Fredericksburg VA 22405 Wanders2006@verizon.net
Just Jazz! Recognition Awards	American Music Division SENIOR	10 awards @ \$100 For Celebrating Jazz!	May 1	AM 8-1	Wendell Anderson (see above)
NFMC/ASCAP American Music award	American Music Division JUNIOR	\$250 for Yearlong celebration of American Music	May 1	AM 5-1	Denise Eikum 6740 Jeffers Rd., Swanton, OH, 43558-9142
NFMC/ASCAP American Music Award	American Music Division SENIOR	1st Place-\$300 2nd Place- \$200 H.M. – 5@\$100 for Yearlong celebration of American Music	May 1	AM 2-1	Ruth Morrow (see above)
Folk Music Recognition Awards	American Music Division SENIOR	10 @ \$100 for Folk Music Programs	May 1 to state	AM 7-1	Ruth McDaniel 375 Ropp St. Gray Court, SC 29645 songkeeper@bellsouth.net
Folk Music Recognition Awards	American Music Division JUNIOR	\$100 to be divided as seen fit for Folk Music Programs	May 1	AM 7-1	Ruth McDaniel (See above)
American Women Composers Recognition Awards	American Music Division SENIOR	10 @ \$100 for programs featuring American Women Composers	May 1	AM 6-1	Claudia Sandifer PO Box 31 Bamberg SC 29003 liloodie@bellsouth.net
American Women Composers Recognition Awards	American Music Division JUNIOR	\$100 to be divided as seen fit for programs featuring American Women Composers	May 1	AM 6-1	Claudia Sandifer (See above)
Educational Institution Award Colleges/Universities	American Music Division Colleges and Universities	\$500	\$10 entry fee May 1	AM 3-1	Ruth Morrow (see above)
ASCAP Educational Institution Award High School	American Music Division High Schools	\$500 for promotion of American Music with lectures, recitals, premieres	May 1	AM 3-1	Ruth Morrow (see above)
Summer Festivals Award	American Music Division Summer Music Centers	\$500 for workshops, seminars, commissioned granted, artists-in-residence	September 1	AM 4-1	Ruth Morrow (see above)

**NFMC CLUB AND INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS - ANNUAL
ARTS DIVISION**

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Name	Category	Award Amounts	Deadline	Application Form #	NFMC Chair
NFMC Music Outreach	Arts Division SENIOR	\$150 to club with most hours	April 1 to state	AR 10-1 & 10-2	Dr. Cheryl Davis P.O. Box 627 Burgess, VA 22432 cheryl_davis@woodberry.org
Music in Poetry	Arts Division SENIOR	\$50 for each region in NFMC (5)		AR 6-1 AR 6-2	Karen Griik Noorani 425 Windham Trail Carpentersville, IL 60110 kcnoorani@gmail.com
Ethnic Performance	Arts Division SENIOR	\$150 – 1 st Place \$100 – 2 nd Place \$ 50 – 3 rd Place for outstanding work in ethnic performance	April 1 to state or national if no state chair	AR 5-1 ME 7-1	Elaine Knight 1336 Birdsong Place The Villages, FL 32163 Elaineknight43@gmail.com
Ethnic Performance	Arts Division JUNIOR	4 Awards @\$25.00 each For outstanding work in ethnic performance	April 1 to state	AR 5-1	Elaine Knight 1336 Birdsong Place The Villages, FL 32163 Elaineknight43@gmail.com
NFMC Celebrate Strings Recognition Awards	Arts Division SENIOR	\$100 for the 10 most outstanding string programs & projects	April 1 to state	AR 3-1 & 3-2	Helena Meetze 613 Hatrick Road Columbia, SC 29209 hmeetze@bellsouth.net
NFMC Celebrate Strings Recognition Awards	Arts Division JUNIOR	\$25 for the 10 most outstanding string programs & projects	April 1 to state (May 1 to national chair)	AR 3-1 & 3-2	Helena Meetze (see above)
NFMC Choral Music Recognition Awards	Arts Division SENIOR	\$100 for the 10 most outstanding participation in choral music	April 1 to state (May 1 to national chair)	AR 8-2	Dr. Penny Draper 513 Woodland Drive East Lansing MI 48823 penny@pennydraper.com
NFMC Sacred Music Awards	Arts Division	\$300 – 1 st Place \$200 – 2 nd Place 5 - \$100 Honorable Mention Awards	May 1	AR 11-1 & 11-2	Karen Herndon 10304 Broxton Bridge Rd Ehrhardt SC 29081 kfherndon@yahoo.com