

**NFMC STILLMAN KELLEY COMPETITIONS & AWARDS
AND THELMA BYRUM AWARD
Rules and Procedures**

The NFMC Stillman Kelley Annual Award, established in 1938, is a National, two-tier award starting with a state level competition and a single winner advancing to the national level.

The Thelma Byrum Piano Award, added in 1980, is awarded to the top national scorer in piano unless that is the Stillman Kelly winner. In that case, the Byrum award goes to the next highest scorer in piano.

- First Place: National Level: \$1,500
- Second Place: National Level: \$ 750
- Third place: National Level: \$ 500
- Five Regional awards: \$250 each
- Thelma Byrum Piano Award: National Level: \$500

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs through state club affiliation or as a Junior Individual Member.
- Applicants must be a native or naturalized citizen of the United States of America.
- Applicants must not have reached their 19th birthday by March 1 in the audition year.
- One, state-selected winner advances to the National competition.
- Applicants whose age allows entrance in any NFMC competition, may choose either Student or Junior competition, *but not both*.

Audition and Repertoire Requirements:

- Applicants may enter one instrument category.
- Memorized program from 15 to 20 minutes.
- Original compositions, unless transcribed from earlier periods including Baroque, Classical, Romantic (including French Impressionist), 20th & 21st Century composition.
- One composition must be from a native or naturalized American composer.
- No concerti.

Application:

- Due February 1st.
- From the <https://www.nfmc-music.org/> complete:
 - NFMC Publication JR 13-2 application.
 - Upload the completed application, repertoire, and performance link, i.e. YouTube at <https://www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload/>
 - Complete online payment of \$10 at <https://www.nfmc-music.org/payment/>.

State Award Chairs and/or Presidents are notified with state applicants:

- State Contest to be completed with JR 13-4 and JR 13-5 due by March 1st.

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