

**NFMC BENZINGER/VALENTIN JUNIOR BLIND PERFORMANCE AWARDS JR 18-1**  
**Annual Award**  
**\$1,000\* - 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500\* - 2<sup>nd</sup> place**  
**1 award of \$250 in each of the five NFMC Regions\***

**Rules and Requirements**

**WHO MAY APPLY?**

Talented young musicians who are or who become members of the National Federation of Music Clubs.  
Applicants:

1. Must have reached the 10<sup>th</sup> but not the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by *March 1* of the audition year;
2. Must be native citizens of the United States or must have received naturalization papers (applicant or applicant's parents);
3. Must be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs through Junior Club/Junior Associate Group affiliation or as a Junior Individual Member;
4. Must provide an affidavit from an ophthalmologist stating the entrant is legally blind with 20/200 or less vision after correction.

**APPLICATIONS**

Applicants must upload a performance recording (of the best quality available) to the NFMC website – [www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload](http://www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload) - by *March 1*.

1. Entrants must perform three selections;
2. Original scores must be provided for the judges to use;
3. Music must be regular printed music, NOT Braille music.
4. A completed application form JR 18-2

An entry fee of \$10.00 is required. Visit [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment) to pay the entry fee.

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