

**NFMC JOYCE WALSH JUNIOR AWARD
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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**Annual Awards
Rules and Requirements****\$2000* - 1st place****\$1,500* - 2nd place****1 award of \$1,000* in each of the five NFMC Regions**

The Junior Award for Individuals with Special Needs (formerly Junior Disability Award) was established in 1983 as the official project of the Junior Division under the leadership of *Joyce Walsh*, Junior Counselor. The annual competition is to provide financial assistance and is open to any junior instrumentalist or vocalist who is mentally or physically challenged.

Joyce Walsh, assisted by her husband, was in charge of T-shirt sales and contributions until the endowment of the awards was completed in 2001. At that time, the awards were renamed the Joyce Walsh Disability Awards.

RULES/REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Applicant must have reached 12th birthday, but not 19th by *March 1* of the audition year.
3. Submissions must be complete on the NFMC website <https://forms.nfmc-music.org> by March 1 of the year of application. Please number the measures and list titles and composers in order of performance.
4. Applicant shall submit a digital recording of 2 pieces (not to exceed 10 minutes total) to the chair.
5. There are no specific repertoire requirements, but entrants must perform two selections from contrasting style periods, if possible. Type or print entrant's name and address with titles and composers of compositions in the order performed to include with the digital recording.
6. Applicant must be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs, either through a Junior Club/Junior Associate Group or Junior Individual Membership. The Junior Individual Membership dues are \$13.00. Membership will be verified before the entries are adjudicated. Membership dues can be paid by visiting www.nfmc-music.org/payment.
7. The first and second place winners will receive an award for the purpose of musical study. Former first place winners of the award are not eligible to compete. In addition, an instrumental/vocal award may be given in each of the five regions.
8. Applicant must include a letter of recommendation from teacher, tutor, or clergyman.
9. Applicant must include a letter from a medical doctor stating the nature and duration of the mental or physical disability.
10. Entry fee is \$10.00. Entry fee can be paid by visiting www.nfmc-music.org/payment.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the National Chair: *Alisha Snyder* – alisha.snyder@gmail.com