

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

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The NFMC Stillman Kelley Annual Award, established in 1938, is a National, single-tier award.

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 Junior 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.
- 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), 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Century composition.
- One composition must be from a native or naturalized American composer.
- No concerti.

**Application Process:**

- Due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Visit <https://forms.nfmc-music.org/forms/> to complete application:
  - Proof of membership payment
  - Proof of award application payment at <https://www.nfmc-music.org/payment/>
  - Repertoire list including composer name, composition name including opus, number, movement(s) WITH unlisted YouTube videos
  - Literature in .pdf format for judges' use.
  - 250-words or under applicant bio.
  - .jpg applicant photo image.

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