NFMC MARY ALICE COX AWARD **JR 9-1**

Annual Award : $2,500 – 1st Place; $1,500 – 2nd Place; $1,000 – 3rd Place

The Mary Alice Cox Award was established in 2003 to honor *Mary Alice Cox* of Muncie, Indiana, for her service as Editor of *Junior Keynotes* magazine from 1983 to 2001. This award goes to a double bassist or a cellist for the purpose of further musical study. Awards of $2,500 (first place), $1,500 (second place) and $1,000 (third place) will be given each year to eligible students in the NFMC Junior Division. If no applicant is chosen, no awards will be given. The goal of this award is to encourage young string players toward a musical career.

Rules and Requirements

1. The applicant must be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs, either through junior club membership or individual junior membership. Individual membership dues can be paid at the time of application by visiting www.nfmc-music.org/payment
2. Applicant must be an American citizen. Proof of citizenship will be subject to verification.
3. Applicant must **not** have reached the 19th birthday as of application deadline.
4. Application is made online at the NFMC website. The required materials must be submitted at the same time at https://forms.nfmc-music.org **no later than March 1** of the appropriate year.
5. Required materials:
    a. Video audition recording or unlisted YouTube links
        i. The required video should consist of at least two (2) pieces in contrasting style, written for cello or bass in original form.
        ii. One of the competition pieces must be by an American composer.
        iii. The pieces may be accompanied by piano or played unaccompanied.
        iv. Self-composed music is acceptable, even encouraged, if a copy of the written score is included. However, it may not be substituted for the required published American piece.
        v. A list of the recorded repertoire; include time (minutes: seconds) of each piece.
        vi. Titles of the competition pieces and composers, including nationality must be identified on the file name of each recording. Time limits: Minimum – 10 minutes; Maximum – 15 minutes.
        vii. Verification of the junior's performance by the teacher and parent/guardian.
        viii. A short recommendation letter from the teacher
6. The entry fee of $20.00 must be paid to be considered for the award. Entry fee can be paid at www.nfmc-music.org/payment.
7. Entries must be received no later than March 1 of the competition year.

Note: NFMC winners will be required to submit their social security number to the NFMC treasurer (IRS requirement).

Questions or concerns can be directed to the National Chair:

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