

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

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Announcing MFMC Junior Composers Contest

Club Presidents, please forward this information to your group members, including this letter and all the attachments.

**Deadline for entries in this contest is [Saturday, January 14, 2012](#).
Compositions will be accepted if postmarked January 14.**

Who May Enter: Minnesota students 18 and younger who compose new music may submit only one composition in this contest. The teacher will also sign the application form.

How much is the fee: The entry fee is **\$25** (check made out to **Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs**). This includes the optional Gold Cup fee. If the student chooses not to participate in the Gold Cup Plan, the **fee is \$20**. The decision to not participate in the Gold Cup Plan is irreversible. (**See instructions for filling out form at end of this letter.**) The number of points that can be received was changed two years ago to make earning a cup happen sooner.

Where to send the entry packet: Please submit the original composition, not a copy of the original. Retain a copy of the original in your files and the student should retain one as well. The original will eventually come back to the student.

Send the manuscript, application, CD or tape recording, a 9x12 or larger self-addressed stamped envelope and your payment to:

Patricia Steege
24755 Essex Ave. S.
Farmington, MN 55024

Recordings: Tapes or CD recordings are required for Class III and Class IV or for any composition that is multi-instrument (e.g. piano duets, voice and accompaniment, string quartets, orchestral pieces, ensemble pieces). CDs must be playable on a CD player, not just in a computer.

About the SASE: Please add an additional 25 cents to the postage on the return envelope. When it returns, the envelope will weigh more because of extra sheets of paper from the judge and me.

Who Wins: All composers will receive the judge's comments and a score. The judge will select the best two compositions from each age class to advance to Regional judging. In Classes 3 and 4, those top two winners will also be offered a scholarship to attend the Junior Composers camp which takes place next July at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Many thanks for encouraging composition. I look forward to seeing and hearing what our Minnesota composers come up with this year.

Sincerely,

Junior Composers Contest Chair for Minnesota
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Directions for filling out the fee amounts on the application form:

NFMC Contest fee	\$1.25	
State fee	18.75	
Gold Cup Fee (optional)	<u>5.00</u>	(or use 0.00 if non-gold cup)
Total	25.00	(or 20 if non-gold cup)

Social security number: National requires this if the student earns a money award (this only happens at the regional and national levels). You may leave this part blank on the application form. You will be contacted if the social security number becomes necessary.

Attachments:

1. Judge's rating sheet JR-7-3
2. Application form JR-7-2
3. Rules sheet