

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

December 4, 2009

• MFMC Junior Composers Contest is coming •

Club Presidents and Festival Chairs please forward this information to your group members as needed, including this letter, the application form and the contest rules.

**Deadline for entries in this contest is Friday, January 15, 2010.
Compositions will be accepted if postmarked January 14.**

Entrants may submit only one composition in this contest. **The entry fee this year is \$20.** This includes the optional Gold Cup fee. If the student chooses not to participate in the Gold Cup Plan, the fee is \$15. The decision to not participate in the Gold Cup Plan is irreversible. (**See instructions for filling out form at end of this letter.**)

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 your manuscript, application, CD or tape, a 9x12 or larger self-addressed stamped envelope and your payment (check made out to **Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs**) to:

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

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).

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

Many thanks for encouraging composition. I look forward to seeing some new original works.

Sincerely,

Junior Composers Contest Chair for Minnesota
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A note of interest: The judges 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 Institute which takes place next July at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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Directions for filling out the fee amounts on the application form:

For Gold Cup:

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| NFMC Contest fee | \$1.25 | |
| State fee | 13.75 | |
| Gold Cup Fee (optional) | 5.00 | (or use 0.00 if non-gold cup) |
| Total | 20.00 | (or \$15 if non-gold cup) |

Social security number: National requires this if the student earns a money award. You may leave this part blank on the application form if you wish. You will be contacted if the social security number becomes necessary.

I have attached a blank copy of the judge's rating sheet to help you guide your students.