



PA WEST- PFMC FESTIVALS COMPETITION 2021

To: Junior Studios Who Participate in PFMC Festivals

From: Barbara Murray, State Festivals Chair, (PFMC) Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs

The PFMC is a music organization that is just over 100 years old. Our purpose is to promote American composers and encourage American musicians to reach their highest potential. PFMC is Federated through the National Federation of Music Clubs, the largest philanthropic, non-profit music organization in the United States.

The PFMC Festivals Competition is open to Juniors (through age 18) who participate in the 2021 Festivals and meet all requirements listed below. The purpose of this competition is to offer Festivals entrants the opportunity to take their music to the next level and compete for money awards. Our goal is to see this program expand each year to include more events and hopefully have a central location in PA for the Annual competition.

Requirements to participate:

- 1. Entrants must participate in the 2021 Festivals- Piano Solo Event.**
- 2. 2021 Festivals Competition limited to Piano Solo—Medium Level and Higher.**
- 3. Entrants play their Required Piece (listed in Festivals Bulletin) used for the 2021 Festivals.**
- 4. Rating for 2021 Festivals Piano Solo Event must be SUPERIOR Rating.**
- 5. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2021.**
- 6. Application Fee - \$25. This fee is in addition to any other Festivals Fees and non-refundable.**
- 7. A COPY of both judging sheets and a COPY of the PFMC state certificate must be included with application. (Be certain to keep the original documents.)**

LOCATION of Competition for the West side of PA is:

Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYCO), 150 Lake Drive, Wexford, PA 15090

DATE of Competition for the West side of PA is: May 1st, 2021 beginning at 8 am

Entrants will be scheduled by LEVELS beginning with Medium and up. Participants will be called via cell phone to enter the building a few minutes before their performance. They will have an opportunity to warm up if need be. After they are finished performing there is no need to stay and awards will be mailed to the winners.

COMPETITION AWARDS:

Winner of the Aikens-Cadman Award \$400 (only given in even numbered years)

One PFMC President's Award \$250

One PFMC Honorary Award \$100

One PFMC Memorial Award \$100

***Two Special Recognition Awards \$75 each**

***Special Recognition Awards are given to students who did not receive one of the top 3 awards but are worthy of recognition.**

Judging Guidelines for Federation Festivals use 90-100% as a guide for Superior Rating. Festivals Competition judges will receive a printed copy of Festivals Guidelines prior to the adjudication date and are expected to adhere to the guidelines. Judges should have no connection to any entrant competing in the Festivals Competition. Decision of the judges is FINAL. Entrants may or may not receive comment sheets from judges depending on number of entrants. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

Due by mail April 15th:

*Competition Application and \$25 Registration Fee (check payable to PFMC)

*State Certificate (Copy) and copies of judges' rating sheets.

Mail to Charlene Hubbard, 203 Lakeview Drive, Moon Twp., PA 15108

Questions or more information:

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Hope to see many musicians participate in the PFMC Festivals Competition!

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