

PA EAST- PFMC FESTIVALS COMPETITION 2026

To: Junior Studios Who Participate in PFMC Festivals

From: Martha Heise, 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, nonprofit music organization in the United States.

The PFMC Festivals Regional Competition is open to Juniors (through age 18) who participate in the 2026 Festivals and meet all requirements listed below. The purpose of this competition is to offer “NFMC Festivals” entrants the opportunity to take their music to the next level to earn plaques and ribbons and then continue on to the State Piano Competition to compete for monetary awards.

Requirements to participate:

- 1. Entrants must participate in the 2026 Festivals- Piano Solo, Ensemble, or Concerto Event.**
- 2. Concerto and Ensemble performers who receive a Superior rating at Festival do not compete at Regional Semi-Finals, but will be invited to compete at the State Final in Williamsport.**
- 3. 2026 Festivals Competition limited to Medium Level and Higher.**
- 4. Entrants play their Required Piece (listed in Federation Festivals Bulletin) used for the 2026 Festivals.**
- 5. Rating for 2026 Festivals Piano Event must be SUPERIOR Rating.**
- 6. Applications must be received by April 1, 2026.**
- 7. Application Fee for 1 event is \$35. Application Fee for 2-3 events is \$50
This fee is non- refundable.**
- 8. A *COPY* of the rating sheet and a *COPY* of the 5x7” PFMC state certificate must be included with application. (Be certain to keep the original documents.)**
- 9. Ensembles and Concertos do not compete at the Regional level.**

SAVE THE DATE:

PFMC EAST FESTIVALS COMPETITION

April 12, 2026 beginning at 1:00 PM

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1533 Springhouse RD, Allentown, PA 18104

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.

In order to select winners for the PFMC Awards level winners may be called back to play again.

Due by April 1, 2026:

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

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

Scan/Email applications and to Darlene Ziegler, dzstudio@ptd.net

*Make checks payable to PFMC (with Festivals Competition on Memo Line) to:
Darlene Ziegler 3028 Albright Avenue, Allentown 18104-9660*

Questions or more information:

PA EAST Competition Chair- Darlene Ziegler, dzstudio@ptd.net

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

Martha Heise- State Festivals Chair- (814) 677-9989, mheise@mail.ocasd.org

***Donations** for the Festivals Competition Fund can be mailed to:

Linda Maurhoff, PFMC Treasurer, 203 Downieville Rd, Valencia, PA 16059-1413