



PFMC FESTIVALS COMPETITIONS 2026

Saturday, April 11th Central and West Regional Semi-Finals

Sunday, April 12th East Regional Semi-Finals

Saturday, April 18th State Finals and awards

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, non-profit music organization in the United States.

The PFMC Festivals 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 Festival entrants the opportunity to take their music to the next level and compete for money awards. Our goal has been to see this program expand each year to include more events and host the State Competition in central location in PA. This year the East, Central, and West Regional winners will compete in Williamsport, PA. on **Saturday, April 18th**.

Requirements to participate:

- 1. Entrants must participate in the 2026 Festivals- Piano Solo, Ensemble, or Concerto Events.**
- 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 the Federation Festivals Bulletin) used for the 2026 Festivals.**
- 5. Rating for 2026 Festivals Piano Event must be SUPERIOR Rating.**
- 6. Applications must be submitted by April 1st – may be scanned that day**
- 7. Application Fee is \$35 for 1 event. Application fee for 2-3 events is \$50.**
Application Fee is non-refundable.
- 8. A *COPY* of judging sheets and a *COPY* of the PFMC state certificate must be included with application.**

(Be certain to keep the original documents.)

Read on to see the awards to be given at the State Final Competition.

2026 PFMC State Piano Competition Awards

10 Solo Piano Level Winners= \$100 + trophy
Medium; Mod.Diff 1-2-3; Diff. 1-2; VD 1-2; MA 1-2

Memorial Award – Best Overall \$150 + plaque
(Level Medium-Mod. Difficult 3)

President’s Award – Best Overall \$250 + plaque
(Level Difficult 1- Musically Advanced 2)

President’s Ensemble Award – Best Overall (*up to) \$200 + plaque
*amount to be determined by entries and split between participants

Memorial Award - Best Overall Junior Concerto =\$150 + plaque

President’s Award – Best Overall Senior Concerto = \$250 + plaque

Grand Champion Aikens-Cadman Award \$500 + plaque

Honorary Awards = \$50 and Rosette Ribbon will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.