

WSFMC – Washington State Federation of Music Clubs

Music Educator Membership in Federation

For the Music Educator, NFMC helps you in your ongoing efforts to promote music education and awareness in schools and in the community. Through its community-based advocacy efforts, national support of music arts and education, and millions of dollars in competition awards, NFMC works to ensure that music continues to be an integral part of the American educational system.

As a member of the Washington State Federation of Music Clubs (WSFMC) the music educator can also participate in the Junior Festival Program of NFMC. Through membership in a Senior Club in Washington, you may join with other teachers in your area and assist in planning and hosting a Junior Festival where your students may participate in non-competitive performance opportunities.

Your students also have many competition and scholarship opportunities in performance, essay, poetry, musical composition and other artistic endeavors.

Please click [here](#) to complete our contact inquiry on our Home Page to send an email. Please include where you are located and other details about your interest in Federation Membership. We will help you connect with the Senior Club in your area. Each club can provide their membership information and requirements for festival participation.

Frequently Asked Questions – for Music Educators

I joined Federation at the National Level. How do I enter my Students in a local Junior Festival in Washington?

To enter students in festival, you must also be a member of Washington State Federation and a member of local Senior Club who plans and hosts a junior festival. Please contact the Senior Club located near you for information on joining their club and participating in their junior festival.

What is a Senior Membership and Senior Club?

The National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) offers a Senior Membership to music educators, music enthusiasts and performing musicians. The Senior membership is the main membership offered at the national level. In Washington State our Senior Members are for the most part, music teachers who form Senior Clubs. These Senior Clubs' primary objective currently is to host Junior Festivals for their music students and sponsor them in scholarship and competition opportunities.

What is a Junior Club?

Each Senior Member who is a music teacher will have the opportunity to start Junior Club made up of their students. These students become Junior Members in this process. This membership allows these Junior Members to participate in many Federation opportunities.

What is the cost of membership for a teacher?

Membership dues in Washington State are broken into different levels; national, state, senior membership and junior club dues. These dues are defined separately by each Senior Club with portions going to the National Federation, Washington State Federation and the Senior Club the teacher is affiliated with. The dues may vary between Senior Clubs and are not published here. The national website has membership dues information for the national level only.

Where Do I Find Information about the Junior Festival Program?

The National organization publishes a Festival Bulletin which covers three or four years. After becoming a Federation member, you may purchase this bulletin which gives detailed information and rules of the Junior Festival. Your Senior Club will provide the greatest source of information about Junior Festival.

What are the repertoire requirements for Junior Festival?

The National organization publishes a Festival Bulletin which lists all repertoire requirements for the many instruments and performance levels. In most cases, students perform one selection from the required repertoire list along with a second selection of their choosing using the Festival Bulletin guidelines. The required repertoire is predominately chosen from the works of American composers.