

## **WSFMC and NFMC Membership**

### **What will I get for my membership?**

- Opportunities to perform and grow as a student, learning from adjudicators and other students and teachers.
- Three levels of membership (local, state and national)
- Opportunities to participate in NFMC competitions for members only
- Instant access to information on auditions, festivals, and other performance venues through NFMC's website
- Educational conferences and conventions
- Opportunities to grow as a teacher through participation and leadership with other educators in the many programs available

There are many ways to be involved in the Federation:

- Study and performance opportunities
- Competitive awards
- Local community arts programs
- State Festivals for juniors and adults
- Summer music camps
- Music programs and universities and colleges
- Music therapy and education programs
- Legislation for music education, high music standards
- Opportunities for musicians with disabilities and visual impairments
- Sacred and inspirational music
- Celebration of American music

### **What does it mean to be a Junior member?**

Junior members are young students up to 18 years old. Junior members most often belong to a music studio, studying with a Federated teacher. If a junior-aged member does not belong to a studio but they wish to participate in a competition to receive an award, they can join as an "Individual Junior Member." An individual membership however does not allow for the student to participate in Junior Festivals.

Washington State Federation of Music Clubs has many Federated music studios where a Junior member can study with a Federated teacher. If a non-Federated music (including dance) teacher wants to join, we can help! Contact the WSFMC Membership Chair for more information.

Besides the Annual Junior Festivals, here are a few of the competitions and awards available for Junior Members:

- Composition
- Dance
- Poetry / Essay
- Vocal
- Piano, Orchestral Instruments
- Awards for Individuals with Special Needs
- Summer Music Center scholarships

### **What does it mean to be a Senior member?**

In the state of Washington, most often when you hear the term “Senior Member” it refers to a teacher who belongs to a “Senior Club.” These members are the teachers who are teaching the Juniors! A teacher can either join an already established Senior Club or they can start their own Senior Club. When a Senior/Teacher member pays dues, they are paying to be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs, the Washington State Federation of Music Clubs, the Senior Club they are joining, and up to 16 students in their studio. There is a nominal \$1.00 fee per student over 16.

If an adult would like to join a Senior Club but is not a teacher, that is not a problem! Contact the WSFMC Membership Chair at [wsfmcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:wsfmcpresident@gmail.com) for other options.

If an adult would like to participate in one of the many competitions and awards offered in their age group and don't necessarily want to join a club, they can join as an “Individual Senior Member.” Our WSFMC Membership chair would be happy to answer any of your questions regarding this type of membership.

Here are just a few examples of the awards and competitions available to Senior members:

- Armed Forces and Veterans Awards
- Voice
- Handbells
- Chamber Music
- Piano

- Awards for Visually Impaired and Disabled
- Collaborative Piano (Accompanying)

### **What does it mean to be a Student/Collegiate member?**

This membership is for those who are 19 through 25 years old. These are members who are usually in college and participating in music education of some sort. The NFMC Biennial Young Artists Awards and the Ellis Duo Piano Awards often are found within the ages of this level of membership.

Here are some of the competitions and award opportunities:

- Piano, Organ, Voice, Orchestral Instruments
- Sacred Music
- Composition
- Music Education
- Music Therapy
- Harp
- Summer Music Center scholarships

### **What kind of membership is a Junior Associate Club?**

Are you already a member of a club or organization? Some examples would be:

- Community symphony orchestras
- School choirs, bands, or orchestras
- Handbell choirs
- Community choral societies
- Music teachers' associations
- Opera companies
- Dance studios
- Church choirs, orchestras, or bands
- Local alumni chapters of music

An Associate Membership encompasses all age groups formed for the purpose of performance and/or special music projects. The Associate Membership also includes mass enrollment in public, private, or magnet school music programs, including colleges and universities. Associate members are not eligible for participation in NFMC festivals.

Junior members in any Associate organization will be eligible to apply for awards offered in the Junior Division. The WSFMC has always had Junior Associate Clubs. Our current Junior Associate Clubs include:

- Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra
- Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra
- Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia
- Cascade Youth Symphony Orchestras
- Tacoma Youth Symphony Association

All of the Junior-aged members of these organizations are eligible for any Junior Competitions and Awards.

Senior members of any Associate organization will be eligible to apply for awards offered in the Senior Division.

Student/Collegiate (mass enrollment) members of any Associate organization will be eligible to apply for awards offered in the Student/Collegiate Division.