

FALL WSFMC COMPETITIONS-AWARDS

CHAIR REPORT 2025

This is my ninth year as the WSFMC Chair of the Competitions-Awards. Even though our state had no National winners in the Junior Music Competitions besides the Composition contests there were probably some entries from teachers in our state. However there was a 2nd Place Winner in the NFMC Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarship from our state. The winning student's name is Foster Patterson, a Collegiate Individual Member. He is a junior at the UW majoring in Music Education. Whether one wins or not, these competitions are still an excellent experience for our students. I would encourage our teachers to enter their more talented students in one of these competitions. If they do I will request that they inform me of who the students are so I can honor them in one of the Future Melody Lines.

In the August edition of Melody Lines I listed the Junior Competitions that would be of interest to our members and their students. There were three piano competitions (Lana Baily Piano Concerto, Marilyn Caldwell Piano Awards, Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Pian Awards) and two instrumental competitions that included the piano (Michael Edwards Graduating Senior Performance Award, Stillman Kelley Instrumental Award/Thelma Byrum Piano Award). All the competitions are entered online, including the application and video. To view the requirements and applications for each competition go to the NFMC Home Page, on the menu symbol at the top of the page click on Competitions & Awards, and finally click on Junior Division and then all the Junior Division Competitions appear. The entry fees are quite low (\$10 in general & \$20 for Michael Edwards).

Respectfully Submitted,

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