

2026 CFWC YOUNG MUSICIANS COMPETITION

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“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.” - Plato

YOUNG MUSICIANS NEED OUR ENCOURAGEMENT!

Objective: Bring members an awareness of the importance of musical education to youth of all ages. Enlighten members to recent studies that show students in elementary through high school who participate in musical activities accomplish more academically; do not drop out of school, and continue on to college experiences.

CFWC Competition Objectives:

- Recognize the musical talent of youth in our local areas and schools.
- Stimulate our club members to secure contestants with musical abilities to participate in our competition.
- Encourage and suggest sources for students to work with, meet and become acquainted with music professionals to get advice on how to have a music career.

Contest Details:

- Applicants may send a CD, cassette, or other digital format (video recommended) of their performance to this Chairman **prior to April 1, 2026**. They do not have to be club or district winners.
- Entry forms will be supplied to clubs or districts upon request to this Chairman. A federated club or district must sponsor the entrant and be noted on the entry form.
- **Only CFWC Entry Forms will be accepted. Contest rules must be followed.**
- Judging will be done in grade level ranges: Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12
- One selection each from two of the following genres must be sent with the application. Please choose from the following list:
 1. Classical repertoire (Baroque, Classical, Romantic or Contemporary periods)
 2. Folk/Traditional
 3. Pop/Broadway/Musical Theatre
 4. Jazz/Blues
- Categories are Vocalist, Pianist, and Other Instrumentalist.
- Clubs or districts can submit more than one applicant in each category.
- Previous winners are not eligible to enter in the same category.

This is an annual event. Club members in all areas are urged to encourage Young Musicians & Vocalists to enter. This chairman will be pleased to visit your District or Club, offer suggestions and any assistance you may need to participate. Just contact me. Contact schools, music venues in your area and make this competition known to all young musicians!

Awards: A cash award plus certificates recognizing participation will be given to the winning entrant. In each category first prize will be \$500. The finalist in each category may be invited to perform at the state convention or at CFWC board meetings.