Dear Jr. Composer Teachers:

I am writing to advise you of the rules for Junior Composers Contest. There will be a Junior Composers’ Competition this year. The rules this year are the same as last year of 2023. You must use the JR7-2 application form for 2023-2024; old forms will not be accepted. I am attaching that application in a separate document and you can find the direct link to the website below. The application fee is $30.00 per entry. Your fee will be made electronically through the NFMC website this year. This is the procedure for paying your fee of $30. Go to (1) [NFMC Upload (nfmc-music.org)](https://upload.nfmc-music.org/) (2) select competitions & awards entrant (3) select Junior Composers awards choose the appropriate class for your student (4) type the student’s name (5) enter an email address for you or your student (6) upload the student’s pdf composition and .mp3 file and JR 7-2 application (7) submit. Once these three files are submitted, select “online payment”. [The three files are (1) pdf composition (2) .mp3 file (3) the JR 7-2 application.] Under “plans” select competition entry fees. “Unit Cost” enter $30. Quantity is the number of students that you are paying for their entry into Junior Composers. If you have more than one student for whom you are entering the competition, you must complete **ONE** payment for **ALL** of your students. Enter your billing information. Select credit card or electronic check. Enter requested information based on your selection. Submit.

**It is mandatory** that each composition is submitted **electronically** as a **PDF ONLY**. Submissions in any other format WILL NOT be sent on for adjudication. Additionally, each composition must be accompanied by **its own audio** recording for **any of the age group categories** of ages 18 and under. The audio must be in .MP3 format. Each student may only submit one composition. A separate application must be completed for each student and the signature for the student and the parent must be on the application. If any of these files are missing, your student’s composition will not be evaluated.

The composition, audio recording and appropriate fee along with the student’s application **MUST** be submitted online on or before 11:59 PM on January 15, 2024. If you are requesting confirmation from me that your composition has been received, you need to submit your composition at least one day prior to the deadline, which would make that submission date January 14, 2024. If you miss the deadline for any reason, your student’s composition will not be adjudicated. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON**. If you think that you will need assistance in submitting your students’ composition, you need to be in contact with me before December 24, 2023, which is much earlier than the deadline of January 15, 2024. If you do not contact me prior to December 24, 2023, I cannot guarantee that I will be able to help walk you through the process as I will be on vacation for Christmas and New Year’s. I know that we are all very busy in keeping up with our students, this includes me. So, please plan ahead.

Teachers you must be in GOOD STANDING with your membership dues to the NFMC and MFMC before submitting applications for Jr. Composers’ competition. The Annual Private Studio Teacher Junior Club Memberships list must include each of your student(s)’ name(s) for each student that is submitting a composition in the Junior Composer’s contest. If the student was not submitted in your list, then you must add that student to your roster, send the late fee and dues for that student(s) to the MFMC interim assistant treasurer on the appropriate form that you received in the fall of the year and is due by October 15, 2023. You MUST amend your list prior to January 15, 2024 or else your student(s)’ composition will not be accepted for the competition. MFMC and NFMC both verify that each teacher and student was properly registered and had paid appropriate dues including the students’ name(s).

Original compositions can be any style and there is no requirement to the number of measures a student uses. Students may hand notate their manuscript or use computer generated method. Please make sure that you scan and upload the document as a **PDF only**.

I have attached the link as follows for the application

<http://www.nfmc-music.org/clientuploads/directory/publications/Junior_Division/JR-7-2.pdf> **Please read** the application JR7-2 which has the all of the rules on the application.

Michigan will resume holding an in person recital this year for all students who submit a composition into the Junior Composer’s Competition. **ALL PARTICIPANTS** who submit a composition are invited to participate in this recital. **This year the Recital will be held at KAWAI PIANO GALLERY** on Saturday April 6, 2024 from 11:00 am until 2 pm.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to your students’ compositions!

Musically Yours,

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