

**NFMC JOYCE WALSH JUNIOR AWARD
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

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**Annual Awards
Rules and Requirements****\$2,500* - 1st place****\$2,000* - 2nd place****1 award of \$1,000* in each of the five NFMC Regions**

The Junior Award for Individuals with Special Needs (formerly Junior Disability Award) was established in 1983 as the official project of the Junior Division under the leadership of *Joyce Walsh*, Junior Counselor. The annual competition is to provide financial assistance and is open to any junior instrumentalist or vocalist who is mentally or physically challenged.

Joyce Walsh, assisted by her husband, was in charge of T-shirt sales and contributions until the endowment of the awards was completed in 2001. At that time, the awards were renamed the Joyce Walsh Disability Awards.

RULES/REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a native citizen of the United States or must have received naturalization papers.
- Applicant must be an active member of a Junior Club, Junior Associate Group, or a Junior Individual Member. Proof of membership required.
- Junior Individual membership may be paid online at www.nfmc-music.org/payment.
- Applicant must have reached the 12th but not the 19th birthday by March 1 of the audition year.
- 1st place winners are not eligible to compete again.

Applications:

- Application is by recorded performance submitted through the NFMC website at <https://forms.nfmc-music.org/forms/> by March 1.
- An entry fee of \$10.00 is required. Payment made at <https://www.nfmc-music.org/payment/>.
- Applicant must include a letter from a medical doctor stating the nature and duration of the mental or physical disability.
- Applicant shall submit a digital recording of two (2) compositions. The camera view must show the full student view.
- There are no specific repertoire requirements, but entrants must perform two selections from contrasting style periods, if possible.
- Original scores must be provided for the judges' use, which are uploaded in .pdf format.
- Applicant must include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, tutor, or clergyman.

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