THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF RALEIGH 59th ANNUAL STUDENT MUSIC COMPETITION

Directions and Submission Requirements for the Student Music Competition Saturday, January 16, 2027

This competition is open to all students in Grades 9-12 who are residents of Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Wake Counties. It will be held Saturday, January 16, 2027 at 10:00 am at the Woman's Club of Raleigh, 3300 Woman's Club Dr., Raleigh 27612.

Deadlines: There are two important deadlines for this Student Music Competition. The Intention (#A) Deadline is Dec. 1, 2026. The Application (#B) Deadline is Dec. 21, 2026.

A. **INTENTION:** Email your name, the category you wish to enter, your High School, Grade, and phone number to wcrstudentmusiccontestinfo@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN** 6:00 pm on Tuesday, **December 1, 2026.**
B. **APPLY**: Complete the application form and email completed form to wcrstudentmusiccontestinfo@gmail.com OR complete, print and mail to arrive **NO LATER THAN** 6:00 pm Monday, **December 21, 2026** to The Woman's Club of Raleigh, PO Box 10346, Raleigh, NC 27605 ATTN: Student Music Competition.

There are four entry Categories: Vocal - Piano - Strings - Other Instruments

• Contestants may perform one or two classical, impressionistic, jazz, or contemporary opera compositions of their choice. No gospel, country-western, "pop" or improvisation will be accepted. When questioning the appropriateness of a composition, contact wcrstudentmusiccontestinfo@gmail.com.
• **Strict performance time limits** must be observed: a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes. Performances over five (5) minutes will be disqualified. A timekeeper will record timings.
• Vocal and piano contestants must perform from memory. Instrumentalists may use music. No tapes or recordings allowed as accompaniment for ANY of the categories. Only vocalists may have a piano accompanist, no exceptions. Contestants may enter two (2) categories by applying separately.
• Bring three (3) copies of the composition(s) to be performed with you for use by the judges. Use the filled-in official Application Form (next page) as a cover sheet for each copy of the piece(s) to be performed.
• In each of the four categories, the judges have the option to award First, Second, and Third place certificates with a monetary award. The decision of the judges is final. First place award is $100, Second place is $75, and Third place is $50.
• One Merit Award is selected by the judges from all the categories. This awardee will receive an additional $100 award.
• Judging is based on the following criteria:

PIANO

TONE (beauty, characteristic timbre control) ..... up to 20 points
TECHNIQUE (articulation, facility fingering, and/or embouchure, rhythm) ..... up to 20 points
INTERPRETATION (expression, phrasing style, tempo) .....up to 20 points
MUSICAL EFFECT (artistry, fluency) ..... up to 20 points
STAGE PRESENCE AND APPEARANCE ..... up to 20 points

VOCAL

TONE (beauty and control) ..... up to 20 points
INTONATION (accuracy of pitch) ..... up to 20 points
DICTION (clarity of consonants, naturalness, purity of vowels, understandable diction) .....up to 20 points
TECHNIQUE (accuracy of notes and rhythm, breathing and posture, fluency, vitality) ..... up to 20 points
INTERPRETATION (expression, phrasing, style, tempo, and stage presence, appearance) ..... up to 20 points

INSTRUMENTS

TONE (beauty, characteristic timbre control) ..... up to 20 points
TECHNIQUE (articulation, facility fingering, and/or embouchure, rhythm) ..... up to 20 points
INTERPRETATION (expression, phrasing style, tempo according to composer's intention) ..... up to 20 points
MUSICAL EFFECT (artistry) ..... up to 20 points
STAGE PRESENCE AND APPEARANCE ..... up to 20 points

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Application Form

To fill out this application, first download and save it. Select the appropriate radio buttons and type your responses in the boxes. Once completed, select "Save As", adding your initials to the end of the file name. Submit by US mail or email as detailed below to arrive before 6:00 PM on Monday, December 21, 2026.

Submission Address: The Woman's Club of Raleigh, PO Box 10346, Raleigh, NC 27605 ATTN: Student Music Competition
Submission Email: wcrstudentmusiccontestinfo@gmail.com

Category: Vocal Piano Strings Other_____ (instrument)

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____ **County:**_____

City:_____**State:**_____**ZIP**:_____

Phone:_____ **Email**:_____

Student's School: _____**Grade**: _____

Referring Teacher Name:_____

Parent(s) of Student: _____

Address: _____

City:_____**State**:_____**ZIP**:_____

Phone: _____**Email**:_____

Title of Composition(s):

Brief description of entry or entries:

Date Submitted: _____

Permission given for student name and picture(s) taken during competition to be used by The Woman's Club of Raleigh for publicity purposes of this competition (including TWCR Website, Facebook and Instagram).

____ **YES** ____**NO** **Parent**** _____**Date**_____

**Printed name of Parent is the same as consent by authorized signature

Any questions please contact Student Music Competition Chair Nancy Canterbury
at 919-622-9577 or WCRstudentmusiccontestinfo@gmail.com