

Festival Piano Solo State Scholarship

DATE: Saturday, April (TBA), 2025

LOCATION:

**UNC-Greensboro
Music Building**

TIME: Your child's time to play will be announced one week before the Festival.

THE FESTIVAL: The Festival is conducted by the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs for the be heard by someone other than their own teachers, and helping them realize that they are part of a large community of young musicians.

REPERTOIRE: The student will perform two selections from memory. One piece is from the required National Federation List.

RATINGS: Each student will be heard individually and given a performance rating by two teachers referred to as "The Judges". The performance will be judged on accuracy of notes, rhythm, dynamics, memory, and general musicianship. Ratings will be given based on what the judges hear **the day of the Festival**.

- * **Superior** Highest performance rating. It is given for a very accurate performance. The performance must be, **in the opinion of the judge**, superior.
- * **Excellent** Honor rating. It is given for a performance with a high degree of accuracy, just not as good as Superior. This is a rating to be proud of.
- * **Very Good** Shows promise but needs attention to detail. It is given for a performance with obvious errors whether caused by nervousness or other factors. This is a desirable rating.
- * **Good** Needs improvement. It is given if the judge feels many areas need improvement.
- * **Fair** Unprepared

The decision of the judges must be final. There is nothing that the Festival chairman or your teacher can or should try to do to change a rating. If the rating is less than hoped for, help your child to accept the disappointment and focus on preparation for future events.

Everyone involved in the Festival (monitors, judges, teachers and many behind-the-scene-workers) wants the Festival to be a happy and stimulating experience for your child. If the student is well prepared, the Festival should go well for him/her. Encourage your child to work hard **now** and then relax and enjoy performing.

WINNER'S RECITAL:

In order to receive their State Award, all Winners are required to perform in the Winner's Scholarship Recital on Junior Festival Day in early May. (Date TBA)