

# Federation Festival 2019

Thousands of students and several hundred teachers from music clubs all over Texas enter the largest music festival in Texas each year. Each student will have the opportunity to perform solo or ensemble pieces before a qualified Judge. The Galveston Musical Club will be hosting NFMC Junior Gold Cup Festival in Galveston this year. This festival is not a competition; each student is graded as an individual on the level that the teacher feels is appropriate. The audition is private. The student will enter a room with 2 Judges present, but only one Judge will rate the performance. No teacher or parent is allowed to enter the room unless they are turning pages for an accompanist.

**Date:** Saturday; March 9, 2019

**Time:** Approximately 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Moody Methodist Church  
2803 53<sup>rd</sup> St. Galveston, TX 77551

**Fees:** Solo Event \$25.00 per student, per event  
Duet Event \$18.00 per student  
Theory Exam \$15.00 per student  
*Accompanist \$30.00 per event (Required for vocal and violin entrants)*

**Deadline to Register: January 25, 2019**

This festival is popular because students are able to set a long term goal. Each time the student enters this annual festival, the scores they make are worth points. When the student accumulates 15 points in a certain event, they earn their first Gold Cup trophy.

The instructor will do everything in their power to help the student get ready for that day, but the student must practice at home and be willing to put forth the effort in order to be totally prepared. **The entry fee is non-refundable.** This is not an all-day event; the student will be assigned a time slot approximately 1 week before the festival. They will need to arrive at least 20 minutes early to register. The student is free to leave as soon as they perform and/or complete their theory exam.

The Theory Exam earns points just like performing. This is a written test that covers theory material based on the student's level.

The student is required to advance to more difficult music as they continue to participate in Gold Cup through the years, giving them a challenge and a goal to work towards. For each consecutive 15 points, the Gold Cup trophy becomes larger in size. The points are 1-5 with 5 being a Superior rating. All students who earn a superior rating will then be eligible and invited to participate in the All-State Festival which takes place on May 18<sup>th</sup> in San Marcos, Texas.

The All-State festival creates another level of excitement because the student will then actually compete against students all over Texas. Only one student can win "All-State Musician" in each level and event. It is a great honor to be chosen as an All-State Musician.