



The Most Important Stuff!

Registration Deadline: 10/1/26

Entry Fee: \$25/Entrant

Registration: via this [Google Form](#)

(Also where you turn in scores and MP3s)

Pay entry fees here: [Pay Entry Fees](#)

E-mail scans of signed release forms to: Sam Ecoff sam.ecoff@gmail.com

Official Rules

Thank you for your interest in the Lake Country Music Club Composition Contest. The Composition Contest is sponsored by Lake Country Music Club. The Lake Country Music Club is a local senior club in the National Federation of Music Clubs, a 501.c.3 non-profit organization. NFMC is chartered by the United States Congress with an envoy at the United Nations and is the oldest and largest music non-profit organization in the U.S.

Purpose

The purpose of the Lake Country Music Club Composition Contest is to provide composition students in Wisconsin with an opportunity to receive expert constructive critique from judges and compete against their peers.

Eligibility

Composition students of all ages (including adults) who are currently studying with a composition teacher in Wisconsin are eligible to enter the festival. Membership in LCMC is not a requirement of entering, but teachers are encouraged to join LCMC to take advantage of the many opportunities the Lake Country Music Club affords its members. Teachers may join LCMC here: [Join LCMC](#)

Material

Students may submit only one composition each year for adjudication. Compositions must use original material (theme and variations based on non-original melodies are not acceptable). Compositions must be composed and notated by the students entering them under the guidance of their instructors. Instructors should not notate compositions for students, and should provide instructional guidance without composing any part of the work.

Students must provide a notated score (students are encouraged to use electronic notation software such as Finale, Sibelius, Dorico or one of the many free online notation platforms.) MP3 recordings must also be provided. Electronically generated recordings are acceptable.

Scores must not contain the student's name, nor the name of the student's teacher. Scores must be submitted as PDFs.

Adjudication

Students will receive written feedback with constructive critique from our expert judges. The judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of four age groups: Age 9 and under, Ages 10-13, Ages 14-18, and Ages 19 and older. The age group the entrant falls into is determined by their age as of **September 1st, 2025**. The judges may select some compositions as "honorable mentions" at their discretion.

Release Forms

Participating student's parents must sign release forms (attached on the next page). This allows the Lake Country Music Club to host an audio recording of the winner's compositions on our website so that everyone can hear, learn from, and enjoy the winner's compositions.

To Enter

Enter your student's information using this [Google form](#) by **October 1, 2026**. Scores and MP3s must be submitted via the Google Form linked above.

Collect entry fees from your students, register them for the composition contest online using the registration link provided above. Write a single check payable to Lake Country Music Club for your students's entry fees. **Entry fees are \$25 per composition** and can be paid here: [Pay Entry Fees](#) Entry fees are non-refundable. Late entries will not be accepted. Send your release forms to: Sam Ecoff, 1125 James Drive, Hartland, WI 53029 or scan them and e-mail to sam.ecoff@gmail.com.

Results

The winners of each division will be announced on or around November 1st. All participating teachers will receive an announcement of all of the winner's names. Teachers will receive printable PDF's with comments for their students via E-mail. Each student who participates will receive a certificate which will be mailed to their instructor.



Composition Contest

AUDIO RELEASE FORM

Student's Name _____

Title of Student's Composition _____

By affixing my signature below, I affirm that I am the legal parent or guardian of the student named above or for students who are 18 or older, I affirm that I am the student named above.

I hereby give permission for the Lake Country Music Club to use the submitted mp3 recording of the above named composition indefinitely on its website without further compensation of any kind. I understand that the streaming audio file can be available on the website. I understand that my student's first name and the first initial of their last name will appear next to their composition on the website. I am consenting that the streaming audio file can be downloaded to the user's computer. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or any written copy that may be used in connection therewith.

I agree to hold blameless and indemnify the Lake Country Music Club, its officers, and its members for any losses which might occur as a result of the use of the recording of the MP3 of the above named composition on its website.

I have read the above agreement and intend it to be a binding instrument.

Signature of Parent (for students under 18) _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Student (for students 18 and older) _____

Print Name _____