

Rotary District 5340 Youth Instrumental Music Competition

Information for Club Presidents, Area Asst. Governors, Youth Services Directors, RYIMC Club Chairmen

The purpose of the Rotary Youth Instrumental Music Competition (RYIMC) is to determine, recognize and reward the District 5340 student contestant demonstrating the greatest level of excellence in instrumental musical talent and training, as well as their love of music.

My name is Mary M. Taylor, and I hereby invite and challenge you and your club to participate and support this long-standing Rotary initiative, this year. As a member of Coronado Rotary Club, and Chair of Rotary's District 5340 2023-24 RYIMC, I cannot overstate the fulfillment and satisfaction to be found in this annual demonstration of *Rotary's commitment to today's youth and tomorrow's leaders*. Not only has the practice and mastery of music been proven to benefit all cultures and ages, particularly developing adolescents, but Music itself enhances all of our lives in a myriad of ways.

Prize money will be awarded at each level of competition:

- Rotary Club Contests
- Rotary Regional Semi-Finals Contests
- The Rotary District Finals Contest

We suggest the following ways to promote the RYIMC in your community, and conduct the process for your Club's participation:

1. This is a great opportunity for your Club to work closely with local High School Music Departments, to promote Rotary's commitment to Arts and Music Education. *Meet with High School Administrators and/or their Music Department Head and Educators*, to encourage the participation of their students.
2. Ask if you can place a notice and/or application in *the High School Parent/Student newsletter* (either online or hard copy). School newsletters often go out weekly or monthly, and your notice can run for several weeks running, if allowed.
3. Consider contacting *local private teachers or music school faculties*, for their support in seeking out student participants.

4. Notify *local newspapers* of the Music Contest dates and prizes.
5. Contact *your local library* for options on how they might promote your Club contest, if they wish to do so.
6. Publicize your Club competition, make it a social event. Invite the public to attend the competition, if appropriate.
7. Seek out qualified judges *from outside your Club*.
8. Submit the *name of your Club winner* to RYIMC Chair Mary Taylor, before February 29, 2024, along with *your Club's \$200 entry fee*, payable to "Rotary District 5340".
9. The two Regional Semi-Finals Contest dates will be determined no later than February 1, 2024.
10. The contestant is responsible for their travel expenses.
SHOULD A ROTARIAN BE ALONE WITH A STUDENT CONTESTANT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (DRIVING, COACHING, ETC), THE ROTARIAN MUST BE YOUTH CERTIFIED.
11. Suggested prize amounts:
 - a) Club level (Club funded) – 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50
 - b) Regionals level – amounts shared by Clubs and District 5340, and tbd by Regional participation numbers
 - c) Finals prizes – (funded by District 5340) 1st place \$2500, other Finals contestants \$500@.

** Total cost for Clubs, approx. \$700, including \$200 entry fee **

For further information and questions, contact:

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(see Document B for Contest Rules and Requirements)

(see Document C for Student Application)