

## Music Contest Management for POC

**Object:** To introduce young people to the mission of Rotary and set them on the path of Interact to Rotaract to Rotary, as well as exposing their parents to the cause of Rotary.

**Applicants:** High school musicians from across District 7610.

**Category:** Solo Performance (accompanist acceptable)

**Club Promotion:** Consider inviting all participants and their parents &/or teacher to a Rotary meeting. The participants can introduce themselves and be given time to share about themselves. This could be time to share their YouTube videos with the club. If we are really looking to increase interest and membership, **this should be done before the winners are announced at every club.** Then after the winners are selected, they could be invited back and presented with their prize.

**Club Management:** The Club's POC will be responsible for the following:

- Reaching out to the music teachers at his/her local high school to inform them of contest
- Following up with flyers to the teachers
- Posting the information on the club's social media site and website
- Press releases to the local papers are encouraged
- Arranging for three or more judges, providing them with a scoring card that includes their applications and links to YouTubes, and stipulating deadline for sending back the scores
- Forwarding the winner's application and YouTube performance link to the Music Chair within seven days

**Club Judging:** At the club level, the club would be responsible for arranging its group of judges. The school's music teachers could assist in serving or providing names. Judging will be based upon factors such as level of difficulty, execution, and poise. A judging criteria scorecard is attached to be shared with your judges.

**Club Winner:** Upon learning of the judges' selected winner, we ask you to forward your winner's link and application--signed by the club president or POC--to your Area Governor who will hold an Area contest. The Area Governor will then forward the winning entry to the District Youth Music Chair (by April 4, 2025).

**Club Award:** Each club can determine the ways in which it recognizes the winner: cash award, certificate, invitation to perform for the club, press release.

**Timeline:** Begin marketing to local community based on club timeline

Applications due to local Rotary Club by date set by individual club

Allow time for Area Governor to hold an Area contest.

Club winners to be selected / reported to District Music Contest Lead by April 4, 2025

District level judging completed and winner announced by April 19, 2025

**District Judging:**

At the District level, a team of judges will select the winners. Judging will be based upon factors in the scorecard.

**District Winners:** The Music Chair will inform the clubs and District leadership of the District winners **April 19, 2025**. Club must accompany, cover cost, and arrange transportation of winner and family to attend to District Youth Conference **April 26, 2025**.