

FRANCES HOLLANS ORIGINAL COMPOSITION AWARD

NVMTA has approved the establishment of the Frances Hollans Original Composition award, as part of the annual NVMTA Composition Competition. Each year, \$25 will be awarded to a student age 12 and under whose original composition is judged to be most creative.

In her over 30 years of membership in NVMTA, Frances Hollans co-chaired the Spring Festival, the Spring Festival luncheon, and the Original Composition Competition. In her private teaching, she especially enjoyed training her young students in the art of composition. She encouraged all her students to be creative and to develop the skills necessary for composing music for piano and for other instruments as well. Notably, Frances wrote an original composition as a graduation gift for each high school senior in her studio. Over the years, many of her students were chosen to perform in the Composition Competition Honors Recital. Several of Frances' and her students' original compositions were published in NVMTA's Original Composition Books in celebration of its 50th year anniversary. NVMTA is honored to establish this award in memory of the many contributions to the musical community of Frances Hollans, who died in December 2017.