

PARENT LETTER

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Participating Director: Duplicate this letter and distribute to the parents of your students.

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Judges, who are specialists in their respective fields, are hired to make constructive comments and criticism using the official adjudication forms. They are selected by the association and have met the standards of this professional organization.

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Official medals, cloisonné pins and stickers (authorized by the association) which indicate the rating earned, may be purchased by individuals. They are often worn on uniforms or kept as souvenirs of achievement. The cost of a medal or pin is \$5.00, a patch is \$3.00, and a sticker is \$1.00. Students should bring the appropriate amount of money with them, as pins, medals, and stickers will not be available after the day of the festival except through a special order made by the group's director.

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