

NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

By Jennifer Fitch, NFMS Junior Committee Chairman

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to share their accomplishments from the past two years (2023 and 2024)!

The Northwest Federation wants to honor you! You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS.

AGE GROUP CATEGORIES

Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years old

Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11 years old

Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15 years old

Age Group 4: ages 16 through 18 years old

Your age as of December 31st, 2023, determines your age category. If you won an award last time (in 2023), you will need to wait until 2024 to enter again unless you have moved up into the next age category.

Your resume and application together require a postmark by February 15, 2025. Winners will be notified soon after the NFMS judges vote on each candidate's summary.

If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions, just contact me at jfitch2711@yahoo.com, or you can ask your parents, your Junior's Advisor, or the Federation Director of your rock club. Everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame!

Awards will be presented at the NFMS Annual Meeting in Walla Walla, Washington, in September 2025.

Here are your three easy steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past two years (2023 and 2024), following sections I, II, III, and IV from the guideline below.
2. Photocopy the application from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the application and have your rock club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail your summary (resume/outline) and completed and signed application to:

Jennifer Fitch—NFMS Junior Committee Chairman
21148 Old US Hwy 93
Florence, MT 59833

*****Make sure to have it mailed in time to have a postmark by (February 15th, 2025)*****

Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award

Section I – HOBBY RELATED (45 possible points)

Club involvement (*field trips, committees, show participation*)

Hobby craft involvement (*faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting*)

Competitive involvement (*display, articles, promotion, awards*)

Section II – EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (25 possible points)

Scholastic (*honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades*)

Extracurricular (*sports, drama, debate, drill team, music*)

Section III – COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (20 possible points)

Events involvement (*charity, volunteer, donation programs*)

Scouts, Campfire, 4-H Club, other community groups.

Section IV – WORK RELATED (10 possible points)