



FFMC 75th COLLEGIATE VOICE COMPETITION Qualifying Rules - 2026

1. Age requirements for contestants, as of January 31, 2026:
 - Male voice students must be between the ages 18 and not yet 24.
 - Female voice students must be between the ages of 17 and not yet 23
2. A contestant must be a Florida resident and an American citizen, either native-born or naturalized. Proof of eligibility may be requested.
3. Contestants must be sponsored by an FFMC Senior Federated Music Club, local service club, company, or an individual.
4. Only advanced vocalists are acceptable (those capable of giving a credible television, YouTube, or concert performance). The contestant should not yet be under contract with an agent.
5. Concert attire required: black tuxedos/white shirts/bowties or black suits/white shirts/black tie for males; ankle-length black dresses/black pumps for females.
6. Each contestant must furnish his/her own accompanist or one can be assigned for a \$75 fee. A digital copy of the music must be emailed to the assigned accompanist.
7. DEADLINE: Submit by January 10, 2026 your signed application form and a color headshot photo electronically as jpeg to Lisa Smith: ffmcpres2025@gmail.com
8. A repertoire of two (2) songs by American composers (native-born or naturalized) is required. Total performance time for both chosen selections shall not exceed seven minutes. In the case of two contestants requesting the same song, the earliest email date will determine. (Submit alternate selections to avoid duplications.)
 - The first selection must be from 1850-1950.
 - The second selection must be a song from American Musical Theater 1939-1959.
9. Consult the Instruction Sheet for schedule information. (See FFMC website.)
10. Scores
 - Bring one original score and two copies for the three judges, with numbered measures adhering to "copyright law".
 - Delete any identifying information: teacher, contestant, college, or university.
 - Once selections are made and approved, NO CHANGES MAY BE MADE by the contestant.
11. Applicant (or Sponsor) must mail via USPS or FedEx or UPS a \$75.00 non-refundable entry fee, check made out to FFMC, Inc., and if necessary, \$75.00 accompanist fee (item 6) by postmark deadline January 10, 2026 to:

Suzanne Carpenter
FFMC Treasurer
P.O. Box 357275
Gainesville, Florida 32635-7275

12. **Social Security numbers will be required from all contestants who receive a monetary award.**
13. **Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.**
14. **Winners must be available for performances, as designated by the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.**
 - **First Place winners will be asked to assist/perform in next year's event.**
 - **First Place winners are not eligible to enter future auditions.**
 - **Second and Third Place winners are eligible to apply again.**

Male Division	Female Division
First Place \$2,000 and Medallion	First Place \$2,000 & Tiara
Second Place \$1,500	Second Place \$1,500
Third Place \$500	Third Place \$500

**First United Methodist Church
419 Northeast 1st St.
Gainesville, FL 32601**

9:00 am Rehearsal - January 31, 2026
11:00 am Competition
Followed by Luncheon and Concert
Awards Ceremony

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<https://www.ffmc-music.org/voice-competition>

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Please review this instruction sheet carefully

VOCAL PRACTICE: There will be no time to practice here once you arrive.

APPEARANCE/ATTIRE: See Qualifying Rules for concert attire.

SCORES: Bring one original score and two copies for the three judges, with numbered measures adhering to "copyright law".

REHEARSAL SESSION: (*For contestants only*) Report at **9:00 am** dressed in your concert attire. A group photo will be taken. Entrants will select numbers for the performance order. You will be given an opportunity to sing a few notes to get a feel for the room and work with the accompanist. Your introduction will be confined to titles and composers. Example: *I will be singing "X" by Henry Jones (1850-1950 song) first and "Y" by Mary Stevens (Musical Theater) second.* Please time your combined selections before arrival, as you will be timed and asked to stop during the competition if exceeding the 7 minutes limit.

When your number is called, you will take position on the stage, bow or curtsy, loudly announce your songs (see above). After singing, you will bow or curtsy and exit.

11:00 am: Competition

12:30 pm: Luncheon is available for nominal fee.

1:30 pm: Concert by the 2025 first place winners followed by the 2026 Awards Ceremony. A photography session will follow. We should finish by 3:30 pm.

Note - This is a one-day event. However, contestants might need to make a reservation at a hotel for Friday night. Contestants are responsible for their own transportation and hotel unless other arrangements have been made.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS: Questions, please contact LISA SMITH, ffmcpres2025@gmail.com or send text to 904-307-8897.

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Thank you for your interest in the FFMC Collegiate Voice Competition

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