



Qualifying Rules

1. Age Requirements for contestants

- Female voice students must be between the ages of 17 and not yet 23 by the date of auditions.
- Male voice students must be between the ages 18 and not yet 24 by the date of auditions.

2. A contestant must be a legal resident of Florida 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 or local service club or an individual.

4. Only advanced vocalists are acceptable (those capable of giving a credible radio, television or concert performance).

5. Concert attire required: Knee length to ankle-length black dresses/black pumps for females. Black tuxedos/white shirts/bowties or black suits/white shirts/black tie for males.

6. Applicants must send a non-refundable entry fee check of \$75 made out to FFMC, Inc.

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7. Completed application forms must be sent electronically to Connie Lill.

8. DEADLINE: Application forms and a color head-and-shoulder photo (via email) are due by December 20, 2023.

9. Each contestant must furnish his/her own accompanist or one can be assigned to you for a \$75 fee.

10. A repertoire of two (2) songs by American composers (native-born or naturalized) is required.

- The first selection must be a song from American Musical Theater 1940s-1950s.
- The second selection must be from 1850-1950. Submit alternate selections from all songs, since we do not want duplications. In case of two contestants requesting the same song, the earliest email date will determine.
- Total performing time for both chosen selections shall not exceed 7 minutes.

11. Scores

- One original score and two copies must be supplied to three judges, with the measures numbered for commentary purposes.

- Delete all names of teacher, contestant, college or university, or any other identifying information.

12. An additional copy of the music must be sent to the accompanist electronically.

13. Once selections are made and approved, NO CHANGES MAY BE MADE by contestants.

14. Winners must be available for performances, as designated by the Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

- First Place winners may not enter future auditions.
- Second and Third Place winners are eligible to apply again.

15. Social Security numbers will be required from all contestants who receive a monetary award.

16. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.