



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: ffmcprez2025@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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This will be our 75th year of Celebrating **"Back in Time"** Music
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