



Qualifying Rules - 2025

1. Age Requirements for contestants as of February 1, 2025:
 - Female voice students must be between the ages of 17 and not yet 23
 - Male voice students must be between the ages 18 and not yet 24.
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, local service club, company, or an individual.
4. Only advanced vocalists are acceptable (those capable of giving a credible television, YouTube, or concert performance). Contestant should not yet be under contract with an agent.
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. Each contestant must furnish his/her own accompanist or one can be assigned to you for a \$75 fee. If so, provide a copy of the music to the accompanist via email.
7. **DEADLINE:** Submit application form and a color head-and-shoulder photo electronically to Connie Lill, Chair: connielill@cltuttle.com by December 23, 2024.
8. Applicant or Sponsor must submit a non-refundable entry fee check of \$75.00 made out to FFMC, Inc. and if necessary, accompanist fee (item 6) of \$75.00 by deadline December 23, 2024 to:

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

9. 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.
10. Scores
 - Bring one original score and two copies for the three judges, with the measures numbered for commentary purposes.
 - Delete any identifying information: teacher, contestant, college, or university.

11. Once selections are made and approved, **NO CHANGES MAY BE MADE** by the contestant.
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 may not enter future auditions.
 - Second and Third Place winners are eligible to apply again.

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