

Qualifying Rules for FFMC COLLEGIATE VOICE COMPETITION

1. Age requirements for contestants:

Female voice students must be between the ages of 17 and not yet 23 at time of auditions.

Male voice students must be between the ages of 18 and not yet 24 at time of auditions.

2. A contestant must be a legal resident of Florida or enrolled in a Florida school of higher learning and an American citizen, either native-born or naturalized. Proof of these requirements (eligibility) may be requested.
3. Each contestant must be **sponsored by a FFMC Senior Federated Music Club** or service club or individual.
4. Only advanced vocalists are acceptable (those capable of giving a creditable YouTube, television, or concert performance).
5. Concert attire requirement: **ankle length black dress/black shoes and black tuxedos/white shirt.** (Men's Warehouse has special pricing for purchase to match rental fees.)
6. Applicants must send a **non-refundable entry fee check of \$75** made out to FFMC & sent to: Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer, PO Box 357275, Gainesville, FL 32635-7275.
7. Completed Application forms must be electronically sent to Connie Lill. connie.lill@ffmc-music.org
8. Application forms and a color head and shoulder jpeg photo are due by **December 20, 2022**
9. **Each contestant must furnish his/ her own accompanist**, or one can be assigned to you for a \$75.00 fee. (If using our accompanist, include an additional \$75.00 with your registration.)
10. **A repertoire of two (2) songs by American composers** (native-born or naturalized) is required, one must be a song from American Musical Theater 1940s – 1950s. The other song must be from 1850 – 1950. Submit alternate selections for 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. **One original score and two copies must be supplied to the 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. First place winners must be available during their reign for appearances. RUNNER-UPS may enter future competitions if all other requirements are met.
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.