

Information on entering a student in the Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray, Marilyn Walters and/or Elizabeth Gerber Competition, and for requesting an application for entering:

Invitations are not sent out for the State Five year Honors Recital, the Marilyn Walters competition, or the Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition. It is the responsibility of festival teachers to enroll students. Applications for entering can be found on our website, www.ofmc.org, under the listing for **Competitions & Awards**.

Elizabeth Gerber Award: Pre-7th grade; Festival 5-year (or greater) Superior Winners

Chairman: Linda Rinderknecht, Phone: (419) 310-1198 rinderknechtlinda@gmail.com

Marilyn Walter Young Musicians Award: Grades 7-9; Festival 5-year (or greater) Superior Winners

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Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray Competition: Grades 10-12; Festival 5-year (or greater) Superior Winners

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The three year Honors Recital invitations are sent to the student's teacher by the festival program chairman. The three year recital program is a local function and all correspondence should go to your local festival program chairman.

The four years Honors Recital also receives an invitation to perform. The Four year superior program is part of the District Spring Conferences and is under the control of the District Junior Counselor and questions can be directed to him/her.

IF you need help please check the website (www.ofmc.org) under **Competitions and Awards** for an answer, or ask your Festival Chairman. The deadlines for entering a competition are enforced without exceptions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this issue.

Leah Kay Hogg
OFMC State Junior Festival Chairman

The following guidelines are from the 2013 Fall News Letter and are also helpful

Teachers: Please read the following rules to determine your students' qualifications to play in the honors program.

1. A student achieving 3 consecutive superiors in any instrument or vocal event, must play in the festival's honor program the **following year**.
2. Upon achieving four years of consecutive superiors, the student must perform at the district conference the **following year**.
3. After receiving the 5th consecutive superior in March and achieving rules 1&2, the student then qualifies to perform at the Convention, **the same year**.
4. The eligibility to perform only applies to the main instrument the student plays. Students who are five-year superiors in theory and musicianship do not qualify.
5. If a student participates in two or more instruments, the student must decide which instrument to play. A student is allowed to perform only once, in a competition, with the exception of composition winners.
6. Performing students who are in grades 7 - 9 are qualified to enter the Marilyn Walter Young Musicians competition.
7. Performing students in grades 10–12 are qualified to enter the Charlotte & W. Alfred Gray competition.
8. A student who won first place in the Walter or the Gray Competition last year is not eligible to compete this year in the same competition. However, last year's first place winner in the Walter competition, who is in the 10th grade this year, may enter the Gray competition. Last year's second and third place winners may compete as long as they continue to achieve superior ratings in the Junior Festival and are less than 19 years of age at the time of the competition.
9. Performing students younger than 7th grade are qualified to enter the Elizabeth Gerber Competition. (See rules 1-2).
10. Upon achieving rules 1-2, a student may perform at the state meeting every year, as long as he/she continues to receive a superior rating at a festival.
11. Junior Composition Winners-see form on page 7. Composition will be published in our Ohio Junior Composers Booklet. Student and teacher will receive a complimentary copy. More copies will be available for sale at the convention. All junior clubs will also receive a copy of the booklet. Counselors will get their copy from the district festival chairman