

Eligibility and Rules for Playing at the OFMC District Conference and Convention

1. When a student achieves three consecutive superiors in any instrumental or vocal event, that student 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 fifth consecutive superior in March and achieving rules one and two, the student qualifies to perform at the convention.
4. The eligibility to perform only applies to the main instrument the student plays. Students who are five-year superiors in theory and musicianship test do not qualify.
5. If a student participates in two or more instruments, that student must decide which instrument to play. The student is only allowed to perform once with the exception of the composition winners.
6. Students younger than the 7th grade may play in the Honors Recital and are automatically entered in the Elizabeth Gerber Award Competition.
7. Students who are in grades 7-9 are automatically entered in the Marilyn Walter Young Musicians Competition.
8. The first place winner of the Walter Competition will receive \$125.00, but will not be allowed to compete in the same competition the following year. However, if the first place winner is in the 9th grade at the time, he or she may compete in the Gray Competition the following year.
9. The second place winner of the Walter's Competition will receive \$100.00 and third place winner will receive \$75.00. Both winners will be allowed to compete again the following year in either Walter or Gray competition.
10. Students who are in grades 10-12 compete in the W. Alfred Gray Competition.
11. Students who reach their eligibility during their senior year may compete in the Gray competition at the next convention provided they are still 18 years of age in October.

12. The first place winner of the Gray Competition will receive \$150.00, but may not compete again the following year. If the winner is in 10th grade at the time of winning first place, he/she may compete again during his/her senior year.
13. The second place winner of the Gray Competition will receive \$125, and the third place winner will receive \$100. Both winners may compete again the following year as long as they are less than 19 years of age at the time of the competition.