

OFMC JR. COMPOSER'S CONTEST 2022 DIRECTIVES

1. Go to **OFMC.org website**. On the right hand column, choose Competitions & Awards. On the Competitions & Awards page, scroll down to JUNIOR DIVISION to *Donald Babcock Jr. Composer Awards*. Select and Print two items: **RULES** AND the **2022 OFMC Jr. Composition Directives**.
2. Read the 2022 OFMC Jr. Composition **DIRECTIVES**. There is additional information requested in the Directives for the State of Ohio. The **RULES** form is the Contest Rules for submission to the contest.

Prepare and store ahead of time the following documents before the state deadline of January 15, 2022.

- 1) a copy of your composition in MP3 format (not MP4)
- 2) a PDF copy of your composition

3. Next, you will be submitting your **documents plus total payment** to the National website: NFMC-music.org.

Find the NFMC-music.org website, find "Competitions and Awards" at the top.

Then choose "Jr. Composer Awards." Scroll down to find your age group.

You will find a highlighted blue line that says "Application Form Rules." There are actually TWO items to find: The Application Form (JR 7-2) and The Rules form (JR 7-1).

If you've already printed the JR 7-1 form from the OFMC website, you will not need to print it again.

4. Begin the Application process by filling out the JR 7-2 Application form. Follow the website directions to submit the application, your composition PDF and your audio MP3.
5. ***The registration fee for the State of Ohio is \$20.00.*** The National fee of \$5.00.

Total to pay on the NFMC-music.org website by credit card is \$25.00

After submission and payment to the NFMC-music.org website, you will receive the following message: "Thanks for contacting us! We are reviewing the material and will be in contact soon if you have a payment to make in relation to this upload, please visit www.nfmc.music.org/payment." You will also receive a confirmation email.

YOU MUST receive this confirmation AND receipt for payment!! If you do not, contact me IMMEDIATELY. Non-receipt means something in your submission did not go through!

6. Please save a screen shot or download your receipt for "files downloaded" as well as "payment receipt" in case of any technical errors.

Note: If you are performing in the Junior Festival this year, or if your teacher is a member in good standing of the National Federation of Music Clubs, you are already a member and merely need to ask your teacher the name of the club. If your teacher is not a member of OFMC, you need to register and pay for an "individual membership." (See below)

If paying for more than one student with one transaction, such as a teacher or family with more than one child, simply list in the comment box the names of the students for whom the payment is being made.

Individual membership – What It Is and How to Pay

If you need to register as an individual member:

1. Go to the NFMC homepage: www.nfmc-music.org/pay
2. Click on the blue button “Online Payment” found in the left column.
3. Under “plans”, choose Jr. Individual Membership and \$13 will automatically appear.
4. This membership payment is “in addition” to the contest fee.
5. Fill out the page with student information and pay at the bottom with a credit card or electronic check.
6. Leave “organization name” blank.

7. **Information for Ohio Jr. Composers!** Please read!

For Ohio entrants – after you have submitted to NFMC-music.org website, please send the OFMC Jr. Composition Contest Chairman the following:

- 1) a PDF copy of the completed JR 7-2 Application form
- 2) copy of your audio MP3
- 3) a PDF copy of your composition
- 4) confirmation of your payment.
- 5) Please include the additional information at the end of this document. Thank you!

After the State Contest is completed, the 1st and 2nd place winners are forwarded to the Regional Chairman, to be received by March 1st. You will receive your Judge’s Comments and Rating after March 1st. Regional winners are selected and forwarded to the National Chairman to be received by April 1st for final adjudication and awarding of cash prizes. *You may not receive results before May 1st. Be patient ☺* Only one composition per entrant may be submitted per calendar year. Lengthy compositions may be edited for publication in the Ohio Jr. Composers book.

Upon application for the Jr. Composer’s contest, *you are agreeing to have your composition published in the Ohio Jr. Composer’s booklet without compensation*. First and Second place Class winners are invited and *strongly encouraged* to perform their compositions at the OFMC State Convention (either by composer or someone else.) The State Convention is usually the 3rd weekend in October each year. You will be sent an invitation by the Ohio Jr. Composer Contest Chairman. If your score is for multiple instruments or vocal, you will need to secure the additional performers for the performance. Live music is only accepted. No recordings are accepted for the convention. “Usually” there is a complimentary meal for those performing at lunch! Lunch for non-performers will be a small additional fee. More information about the convention date in 2022 will be on the OFMC.org website or contact your teacher.

Composition Score, MP3 recording and applications are not returned, so please keep a copy for your records.

IMPORTANT!!!! Please send the following information to the Ohio Jr. Composer Chair for statistical purposes. **Email the information after submitting your application online. This is so your information can be double checked that it loaded correctly on the NFMC website!!! It’s very important and will only take a few minutes. Thank you!!!**

- A. Your OFMC District that you attend Jr. Festival in: 1A 1B 1C II 3A 3D 3E 3F 3G 4A 4B
or if you are an Individual Member.
- B. What is the instrumentation of your composition: _____
- C. How long is the performance time of your composition: _____ minutes
- C. Your First and Last name _____
- D. Composition Class: Class I (9 and under) Class II (10-12) Class III (13-15) Class IV (16-18)