

OFMC JUNIOR COMPOSER'S CONTEST 2024 DIRECTIVES

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1. Print out the 2024 JR-7-1 Rules from <https://ofmc.org/competitions-awards/>
2. Prepare the following before the state deadline of January 15, 2024:
 - a sound recording your composition in MP3 format
 - a PDF copy of your composition
3. Submit your documents and payment on the national website:
<https://www.nfmc-music.org/competitionscategory/junior-composers-awards/>
Click on “apply now.” Then, locate your age group under “Junior Composers Awards.”
4. Complete the JR 7-2 Application form. Follow the website’s directions to submit the application, your composition PDF, and your audio MP3.
5. Pay the required fee of \$25.
Note: If your student’s teacher is not a member of NFMC, they will need to additionally purchase an individual membership for \$13.

Individual membership

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.
 6. Leave “organization name” blank.
6. 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.
- Please save or download your receipt for “files downloaded” as well as “payment receipt” in case of any technical errors. **If you do not immediately receive these emails, please contact me. Non-receipt means something in your submission did not go through!**
7. If you are paying for more than one student with one transaction, simply list in the comment box the names of the students for whom the payment is being made.

Additional Information

- After the State Contest is completed, the 1st and 2nd place winners are forwarded to the Regional Chairman, to be received by March 1. You will receive your Judge's Comments and Rating after March 1.
- Regional winners are selected and forwarded to the National Chairman to be received by April 1 for final adjudication and awarding of cash prizes. You may not receive results before May 1.
- Only one composition per entrant may be submitted per calendar year. Lengthy compositions may be edited for publication in the Ohio Junior Composers book.
- Upon application for the Junior. Composer's contest, you are agreeing to have your composition published in the Ohio Junior Composer's booklet without compensation.
- First, Second, and Third Place Class winners are invited and strongly encouraged to perform their compositions at the OFMC State Convention (either by the composer or someone else) or Junior Day. Both events are usually held the third weekend in October each year. You will be sent an invitation by the Ohio Junior Composer Contest Chairman regarding this performance opportunity.
- If your score is for multiple instruments or voices, you will need to secure the additional performers for the performance. Live music only is accepted. No recordings are accepted for the Fall Conference or Junior Day.
- Your composition score, MP3 recording and application will not be returned to you, so please keep a copy for your records.