

OFMC JUNIOR COMPOSER'S CONTEST 2024 DIRECTIVES

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1. Access the 2024 JR-7-1 Rules and follow the specified Process for Submission:
<https://www.nfmc-music.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/JR-7-1.pdf>
2. Submit the following before the national deadline of **February 1, 2024 (11:59pm)**:
 - application
 - a sound recording your composition in MP3 format
 - a PDF copy of your composition
 - \$25 payment
3. Select your age group under “Junior Composers Awards” and follow the website’s directions to submit the application, PDF composition, and audio MP3.
<https://www.nfmc-music.org/competitionscategory/junior-composers-awards/>
4. Pay the required fee of \$25 on this website: <https://www.nfmc-music.org/payment/>

Note: If your student’s teacher is not a member of NFMC, they will need to pay an additional \$13, for an individual junior membership. Please specify in the Notes that payment for an individual membership is included.

5. After submitting the application and payment to the NFMC website, you will receive a confirmation email. Please save this confirmation in case of any technical errors. **If you do not immediately receive an email, please contact me. Non-receipt means that your submission did not go through!**

****If you are paying for more than one student with one transaction, list the names of the students for whom the payment is being made in the Notes box.**

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.
- Your digital composition score, MP3 recording and application will not be returned to you, so please keep a copy for your records.
- 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. Lengthy compositions may be edited for publication in the Ohio Junior Composers book.
- 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.