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New Florida State Song Nomination Form

May 15th – October 1st 2007

Song Requirements:

All song submissions should meet the following broad criteria:

1. Approximately 3 minutes in length
2. A vocal range that does not exceed a ninth (1 octave + 2nd)
3. Suitable for group singing, as well as for a soloist
4. Lyrics appropriate for a state song that are inclusive for all and exclusive to none
5. Must be written down in music notation (A lead sheet containing the melodic line, lyrics, and chords is minimal)

General Submission Requirements:

A completed application for nomination will include the following:

1. 1 original song with original lyrics (if the applicant uses any copyrighted material within their song, a letter of permission from the copyright holder must accompany the application)
2. 7 printed copies of the song on sheet music. (See 5. of song requirements)
3. 7 copies of a CD with a performance of the song (no mp3 or data CDs)

Song Information:

Title of the Song: _____ Song Duration: _____

Composer: _____ Lyricist: _____

Applicant Information: Songs can be nominated only with consent of the copyright holder. A letter of permission must accompany this application for all copyrighted material submitted)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Are you the composer of this song?

Yes No

Are you the lyricist of this song?

Yes No

Is this song copyrighted?

Yes No

Do you own the copyrights to this song?

Yes No

Do you own the copyrights to the lyrics?

Yes No

Send Applications to:

Florida Music Educators' Association

Attn: Just Sing Florida

402 Office Plaza * Tallahassee, Florida 32301-2757

Phone Number: (850) 878-6844

Email: info@justsingflorida.org

Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007. Applications postmarked late or submitted incomplete will not be considered for this contest.

Disclosure:

The undersigned applicant agrees to abide by the selection process defined in the application procedures located at www.justsingflorida.org. All music submitted for this contest will be treated as confidential material by FMEA and will not be used for any purpose other than Just Sing Florida without the nominee's consent. Submitted music, composers, and lyricists will only be publicly announced as stated by the contest rules. Just Sing Florida applicants will not hold FMEA liable for final selections, either as a group or as individuals. The applicant is responsible for obtaining permission to use any copyrighted material. FMEA is not responsible for any copyright infringement by the applicant. All submitted application materials will not be returned. FMEA will destroy all submitted material at the end of the contest.

Signature of the Applicant



Application Procedures

Eligibility:

1. The composer of an original song about Florida. If you have used lyrics written by someone else, you must obtain written permission of the copyright holder of those lyrics.
2. The writer of original song lyrics or poetry about Florida who has had them set to music. The lyricist must obtain written permission from the copyright holder of the music.
3. Any citizen of the State of Florida. Those who nominate a song not written by them must obtain written permission of the copyright holder of the song. Nominations will not be considered without written permission from the copyright holder of the music and lyrics.

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1. One original song with original lyrics (each application may only contain one song)
2. Written letter(s) of permission from the copyright holder of the music and/or lyrics or your own signature on the application as the composer and lyricist.
3. Contact information of the composer or lyricist (if you are nominating a song that is not your own)
4. Seven (7) printed copies of the song on sheet music. (See Item 5 of "Song Requirements")
5. Seven (7) copies of a CD with a performance of the song (no mp3 or data CDs)
6. Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007.
7. Applications postmarked late or incomplete submissions will not be considered for this contest.

Procedural Information

1. The Florida Music Educators' Association (FMEA) will convene a 7-member panel for the purpose of reviewing and scoring submissions.
2. Each panelist will assign each submission with a score based on the song requirements as stated above.
3. The scoring procedure will drop the high and low score from individual panelists and average the remaining five panel scores to arrive at a composite score.
4. Songs will be ranked by their composite scores and the top three songs will be publicly announced.
5. All song submissions and scores will be confidential.
6. The top three song applicants will be notified in advance of any public announcement of the final songs.
7. Final song announcements will be made in December 2007.