

Qualifying Rules for Jeanie/Stephen Auditions, January 19, 20, 21, 2018

1. Age requirements for contestants:

Female voice students must be between the ages of 17 and not yet 23 at time of auditions.

Male voice students must be between the ages of 18 and not yet 24 at time of auditions.

2. A contestant must be a **legal resident of Florida** and an American citizen, either native-born or naturalized. Proof of these requirements (eligibility) may be requested.
3. Each contestant must be **sponsored by a FFMC Senior Federated Music Club** or service club or individual. When a candidate has been auditioned and accepted, the sponsor may request a copy of the **"Blue Foster Songbook"** from the application chairman. The candidate can then make his choice from the above edition. **PLEASE NOTE:** Two Foster songs *"Old Folks At Home"* and *"I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair"* are not to be selected by contestants. If a club has more than one candidate, extra copies can be requested. The books must be returned during registration at White Springs.
4. Only advanced vocalists are acceptable (those capable of giving a creditable radio, television or concert performance).
5. Light brown hair is not a requirement for a contestant, but an **1854 hairstyle** is mandatory.
6. It is a requirement that **each female contestant must audition in an 1850-1870 style ball gown using a hoop**. The sponsoring club will provide the dress using the pattern provided. Bright colors are preferable, since they photograph well. (Dresses are available from our Dorothy Evans Dress Library)
Male finalists must audition in traditional 1850's cutaway tux attire.
7. Applicants must send a **non-refundable entry fee check of \$75** made out to FFMC & sent to: Suzanne Carpenter, FFMC Treasurer, PO Box 357275, Gainesville, FL 32635-7275.
8. Completed Application forms must be electronically sent to Connie Lill. jeanie@ffmc-music.org
9. Application forms and a color head and shoulder jpeg photo are due by **January 5, 2018**.
10. **Each contestant must furnish his/ her own accompanist** or one can be assigned to you for a \$75.00 fee.
11. **A repertoire of two (2) songs by American composers** (native-born or naturalized) is required, one must be a song by Stephen C. Foster. A contestant must submit alternate selections for all songs, since we do not want duplications. In case of two contestants requesting same song the earliest postmark will determine who will be permitted to sing it. Total performing time for both chosen selections shall not exceed 7 minutes. Winners must be prepared to perform an additional song by an American composer at the awards ceremony. Jeanie, will sing a song by an American composer. Stephen will sing 2 verses of **"I Dream of Jeanie"** to the newly crowned Jeanie.
12. Photocopies of Foster songs are permissible. It is suggested that three (3) copies be made available to the judges so each may have their own copy to follow. The "COPYRIGHT LAW" must be honored in a participant's **second selection by an American composer. One original score must be supplied to the judges with the measures numbered** for commentary purposes. Please delete (by erasure or white-out or covering by opaque label) name(s) of teacher, contestant, college or university, or any other identifying information.
13. Once selections are made and approved, **NO CHANGES MAY BE MADE** by contestants.
14. Winner of the JEANIE and STEPHEN titles must be available during their reign for appearances, RUNNER-UPS may enter future Jeanie Auditions, as long as the other requirements are met.
15. Social security numbers will be required from all contestants who receive a monetary award.
16. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.