



Oregon Music Teachers Association, Inc.

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STATE COMPOSITION FESTIVAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application to be completed by May 16th, 2026

State Composition Festival Participation Fee: \$35; Composition Booklets: \$18

Students are eligible to enter if:

1. They have participated in an OMTA District Composition Festival and were chosen as an Honored Composer; or
2. They were enrolled in Fear No Music's Young Composers Project in the current school year.

Please see pages 2 and 3 for Score Formatting and YouTube requirements

How to Register:

FOR OMTA MEMBERS:

- Visit the OMTA Website and log in with your account details.
- Go to your Teacher Dashboard and select "Festivals."
- You can filter the results by "State Event" and scroll until you find the entry marked [2026 State Composition Festival](#).
- Enter your student and composition details and pay for the registration online.
- Email your PDF scores and YouTube links to state chair Robin Ziari at zremusicpdx@gmail.com.

FOR YCP STUDENTS:

- Please prepare your score and a YouTube performance according to the guidelines below.
- You may enter via the link on the [OMTA Composition Festival website](#). Look for the button that says "State Festival Registration for YCP Students."

YouTube Video Requirements:

- Must be set to public or unlisted
- Must NOT be marked “made for kids”
- Do not use YouTube “Shorts”

Tutorials for creating YouTube link:

1. How to Create a Personal YouTube Channel:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/1646861?hl=en>
2. How to Upload a Video to My YouTube Channel:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
3. If you are encountering an upload error:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/troubleshooter/2888438>

Score Formatting Requirements:

The composer’s score must be formatted with the criteria below in order for it to print correctly in the State Composition Festival Book.

Changes to the formatting required for district entries are marked **in red**.

1. Margins must be one inch all around the document – top, bottom, left, right.
2. Please center title - use 24 point Times New Roman font.
3. **Teacher’s name - upper left corner under title - use 10 point Times New Roman font.**
4. Student’s name and age - upper right corner under title - use 10 point Times New Roman font.
5. Please put a copyright symbol, the year 2026, & student’s name at the bottom of each page of their score.
6. **The score should have no page numbers.**
7. See the example on the following page for correct formatting.
8. Scores that do not follow this format will be returned for corrections.

Formatting Example

Teacher - John Doe

Jane Doe - Age 8

Joyfully ♩ = 80

8

16

24

mf *f* *mf* *f* *p*

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