



CONSENT FORM with RULES AND REGULATIONS

By submitting a song, you agree that:

1. All songs must be original and all co-writers must be credited and part of the application.
2. All songs must meet the **STEP UP!** Frederick Contest song subject criteria:
Someone who has performed an act of courage and suffered in the process or performed an act of inspiration born of tragedy, whose actions resulted in significant, positive change.
3. You and/or your middle and/or high school student songwriting team wrote at least 90% of the song, that it was not stolen from another songwriter and was never sampled from another song.
4. Production value and quality will not be considered so don't worry if your audio is not the highest quality. Just be sure we can understand the words.
5. Only MP3s will be accepted.
6. Entry fee is \$20 per song. Submit as many songs as you want. Entry fees are non-refundable and submissions will not be returned.
7. You will get your song subject approved by Chords of Courage and the Contest before submitting your song.
8. If you are submitting more than 1 song, you must send each one separately.
9. You have reviewed all the Contest material and will adhere to all aspects.
10. You reside in Frederick County Maryland.
11. You will allow us to use your photo and your song on the website, in press releases, promotional materials, social media and other products and communication strategies of the Contest and Chords of Courage.
12. That you retain the rights to your song other than rights you have given to the Contest and Chords of Courage in item 11.
13. First place winners, who will receive free studio time, must be accompanied by an adult approved by the parent and/or guardian, and present during the entire studio session(s).
14. If you win in any category, you will work with Chords of Courage and the Contest to create a **STEP UP Frederick!** Community service project that you will present at the Grand Finale Concert.
15. Whether or not you win, you will make every effort to attend the Grand Finale Concert.
16. Winning students will have their name, song title and **STEPPING UP!** project and/or notes of inspiration in the program and/or on the website.
17. Chords of Courage and the Contest are not responsible for website down-time, outages, etc.
18. The laws of Maryland apply to this agreement.

Song Title: _____ Agreed to on this date: _____

Student songwriter - Print name

Student songwriter - Sign name

Parent or guardian – Print name

Parent or guardian – Sign name