



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Mu Rho and Iota Mu Mu Chapters

Anne Arundel County, MD

January 2024

To: Anne Arundel County High School Principals, Counselors, and Teachers

Re: Talent Hunt Competition Program

Greetings,

This letter is to inform you that the Mu Rho and Iota Mu Mu Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is having its annual Talent Hunt Competition. This program is one of several national programs designed to identify and support the youth of our nation and the world. The program has touched thousands of students many of whom have gone on to make outstanding contributions to their communities. It also provides exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing arts. The winners are awarded recognition and scholarships. It is our quest as Omega Men of Substance to continue to grow in our unyielding commitment to support our youth.

Prizes for the winners in this competition will be awarded as follows:

First Prize - \$1,000.00

Second Prize - \$600.00

Third Prize - \$400.00

The performance competition will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 1 pm to 4 pm** and will be located at **Georgetown East Elementary School**, 111 Dogwood Road, Annapolis, MD 21403.

This year's competition will include vocal and instrumental music, dance, dramatic interpretation, and visual arts. **Participants must be high school students in grades 9-12** competing in the below-listed forms of talent.

1. **Vocal Music:** Classical, contemporary, gospel, and jazz entries are welcomed (No Rap Music). For classical renditions, a printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. Contestants can bring their accompanist as a piano will be provided. An accompanist will be provided if the contestant does not have one and if he/she brings all sheet music for the songs being performed. Recorded instrumental music tracks may be used for vocal accompaniment, but these tracks may **not** contain lead or background vocals.

2. **Instrumental Music:** Classical, contemporary, gospel, and jazz entries are welcomed. For classical renditions, a printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. Contestants can bring their accompanist as a piano will be provided. An accompanist will be provided if the contestant does not have one and if he/she brings all sheet music for the songs being performed.
3. **Dance:** Ballet, modern dance, and tap. Attire for performance is acceptable to wear for the event.
4. **Dramatic Interpretation:** Poetry, oration, monologue, etc. A printed script must be provided for each judge.
5. **Visual Art:** Sculpture, photography, drawing, and painting. Three (3) to five (5) pieces for judging must be provided. All easels and display board lights are to be provided by the contestant.

The winner of this Talent Hunt competition **MUST** participate in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 2nd District Talent Hunt competition which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Prize money will be awarded to the **First Place Winner** of the chapter competition **ONLY** after attending and participating in the District Competition. Details for the district event will be provided.

All Talent Hunt participant **applications must** be received no later than Friday, **February 29, 2024**. Registration forms must be complete and contain sufficient details to allow evaluation of eligibility for participation in the program and technical requirements. A completed Omega Psi Phi Parental Release & Consent Form must also be turned in with the contestant's application. Both forms have been included in this communication. Contestant forms may be submitted by regular mail or by email to:

Talent Hunt Chairman
PO Box 4212 Annapolis, MD 21403
Email: talenthuntmurho@gmail.com

If you have further questions or need assistance, please email talenthuntmurho@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)
Talent Hunt Application Form
Talent Hunt Release & Consent Form
Talent Hunt Eligibility Requirements



Talent Hunt Contestant Application

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

(All information must be Print/Typed)

Contestant's Name _____ Age _____

Contestant's E-mail address _____

Address _____ City _____ State /Zip _____

Parents or Guardian _____ Telephone _____

Chapter/District Mu Rho and Iota Mu Mu/ Second

Chapter/District Talent Hunt Chairmen _____

Chairman Phone (Home) _____

Chairman email talenthuntmurho@gmail.com

Name of School _____ Grade _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Extra Curricula Activities (School/ Community) _____

Honors and Awards Received _____

Church Membership _____

Hobbies _____

College /University You Plan to Attend _____

City _____ State _____ Major _____

Category you will compete In Select One:

Contemporary Instrumental Solo _____ Classical Instrumental Solo _____

Contemporary Vocal Solo _____ Classical Vocal Solo _____ Piano Solo _____

Name of Composition/Presentation _____

Name of Composer _____

Please check which of the following you will need for your performance:

a) Piano _____ b) Microphone _____ c) Cassette Player _____

d) Accompanist _____ e) CD Player _____

f) Other (please be specific) _____

(Note: You are required to provide any electronic equipment required and an operator.)

Note: A 4x6 photograph and a biographical sketch of 100 words or less must accompany this form. The deadline for receipt of this application is February 29, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be allowed to participate. Please get in touch with the Talent Hunt Chairman to confirm receipt of your completed application.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Parental Release and Consent Form
Talent Hunt Competition

Parental release and consent form (submit by the start of the event)

Student's name: _____ Age: _____

Physical address: _____

Email address: _____

Parent or legal guardian's name: _____
(please print)

Contact phone numbers during event hours: (home): _____ (cell): _____

Insurance information:

Insurance coverage by: _____

Policy Number: _____

Photo and Image Release:

I give the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. permission to photograph, videotape or record my child and to use the photographs, videotape, film or recording in its print and electronic publications, video broadcasts, radio broadcasts or any other presentation of the images. I agree that the photographs and videotapes, including negatives, slides, and prints or any other presentation of the images, are the property of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I waive any right I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product in which the images may be used. By signing this form, I intend to release and discharge the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from any and all claims that I may have and agree to hold harmless and defend the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from liability arising from claims or litigation arising from its use of my child's image, voice, or performance.

Waiver and Consent for Emergency Treatment:

I am aware that the activity for which I am registering my child involves limited events or field trips that will be conducted as part of this activity. In consideration of the right to participate in this activity, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage I may have against the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., its Board of Directors, District or local officials, members, employees, and agents, for any and all injuries, if any, suffered by my child while participating in this activity. I give my consent to emergency treatment, including hospitalization as may be needed for the welfare of my child.

If you are under the age of 21, your parent/guardian must also sign this form.

Date: _____

(Student's Signature) _____

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Talent Hunt Participation

Eligibility Requirements

A. Participation in the Talent Hunt is open for the following form of trained art:

Ω **Music:** Vocal and instrumental; classical, semi-classical, gospel and jazz. *A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze.*

B. Basic Rules for Participation in the District and International Talent Hunt:

- Ω Contestant must be a high school student who has not advanced beyond a senior year at time of the Local Talent Hunt.
- Ω Contestants who are “**Home Schooled**” must present verification from their school district that they are enrolled as a high school student.
- Ω All applicants for the Talent Hunt are to include SAT scores or ACT scores when available as well as their grade point averages.
- Ω All presentations including instrumental numbers must be memorized and must be dignified and in good taste. Presentations which are not memorized cannot be considered for 1st place.
- Ω Track music may be used for accompaniment as long as there is no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
- Ω The Talent Hunt is a competition on the Chapter, State, and District levels.
- Ω The International Talent Hunt is a Demonstration only! There is no adjudication at this level.
- Ω The presentation performed or presented at the Chapter level shall be the same as performed at the State, District, and international level.
- Ω The Chapter is responsible for all expenses incurred in taking its contestant to the State and District Talent Hunt.
- Ω Where there is a state competition, the State is responsible for all expenses incurred in taking its contestant to the State Talent Hunt.
- Ω The district is responsible for expenses incurred in taking the District Winner to the International Talent Hunt Demonstration and the Grand Conclave.