

# **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

## **2020 Talent Hunt Competition**

**March 13, 2020 @ 6:00 pm**

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Talent Hunt Competition is a nationally mandated program that provides exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented high school students in the performing arts. The competition is open to all currently enrolled high school students (Grades 9 – 12). Qualified participants will compete for performance scholarships to be used to further their artistic and creative abilities. The local winner will have the opportunity to compete for additional prizes at the state, district, and then possibly the national level. Categories for the competition are as follows:

- Music – Vocal and/or Instrumental (Classical or Contemporary)
- Interpretive Movement to Music – Modern, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Liturgical, or Pantomime (Music must be Classical or Contemporary)
- Speech – Poetry, Readings, Orations, Etc.
- Drama – Dramatic Performance, Monologues, Etc.

**All Talent Hunt Contestants MUST audition before being considered for participation in the competition. Auditions will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 in the Blount High School Band Room (5450 Lott Road, Eight Mile, AL 36613) at 6:00 pm.** All forms can be submitted at the audition. All students should be on time as the process will be conducted in an expeditious manner. Please bring all necessary equipment and/or materials with you to the audition. You must audition with the piece you plan to perform for the competition. Please review the following instructions for participation:

1. All participants **must have** a completed **Entry Form** and a signed **Consent/Release Form** on file with the Talent Hunt Committee.
2. All presentations including instrumental selections must be memorized and be dignified and in “good taste”.
3. All performances must be “single performer” acts. duets, trios, & groups are not eligible.
4. Pre-recorded track accompaniments may be used for musical presentations as long as there is no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
5. The use of lewd, rude, or sexually suggestive movement and profanity or offensive language in any way, shape, or form including recorded accompaniments are expressly prohibited and may be grounds for immediate disqualification.
6. Performances may not exceed five (5) minutes without penalty.
7. All contestants are asked to be appropriately dressed for this formal occasion. Male contestants should wear a dark suit or tuxedo. Female contestants should wear an appropriate length dress (evening attire). Dancers/Actors should be tastefully attired.
8. Contestants in the instrumental music category must provide sheet music to the judges.
9. Contestants in the Drama and Speech categories must provide scripts of their selection.
10. Awards will be given based on the ratings by the judges and the final decision of the Talent Hunt Committee.
11. Questions should be emailed to the Committee Chair at [derrick.robinson40@gmail.com](mailto:derrick.robinson40@gmail.com)
12. A member of the Talent Hunt committee will notify selected contestants no later than Sunday, March 8, 2020. Contact the committee chairperson via email to request a make-up audition if you miss the original audition date.
13. The Talent Hunt Competition is **Free and Open to the Public.**