



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

January 19, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Tau Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor its Annual Talent Hunt Program on Saturday, March 4, 2023, 1:00 pm at the Courtland High School auditorium 6701 Smith Station Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553. The Talent Hunt Program is a National Program that provides exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing arts. The Theme for the event is “An Afternoon of Rising Stars.”

All Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, and surrounding regional area high school students Grades 9 through 12 are invited to participate in the program. Individuals with vocal, instrumental music, or visual arts such as modern dance or acting, are encouraged to participate as individuals (not as groups).

During the event's conclusion, certificates of participation will be presented to all contestants. Also, the award money will be presented to the first, second, and third place winners. Each contestant will be graded by a team of professional judges, which will assign points to each performer based on their performance. The total points will be tallied to determine the winners. The winners are based on the total score. Winners will not be judged by separate categories....i.e., there **will not** be a vocal winner, a dance winner, or an instrumental winner etc.

The contestants will receive the following contestant award below:

**Contestant Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200

In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will advance to the Third District Talent Hunt competition to be held in Richmond, Virginia on April 2, 2023. That winner will receive a \$1,000.00 award. The District Winner will advance to the International Talent Hunt competition. This information will be provided later. All expenses will be paid for the winner to attend the events.

The following rules apply to all students who participate in the Talent Hunt Program:

1. No contestant shall be allowed more than six (6) minutes.
2. Contestants shall render only one (1) selection.
3. All contestants must memorize their selection.
4. All contestants shall furnish three (3) copies of their selection for the judges.



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5. Instruments (other than the piano) may have an accompanist.

Here are additional important details and/or explanations to the above rules:

### **TALENT HUNT PARTICIPATION**

A. Participation in the Talent Hunt is open for the following forms of performing and visual art:

1. Music: Vocal and instrumental; classical, semi-classical (i.e., Broadway Musical production, Movie score), gospel, and jazz. A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. No top 40 musical performances are allowed unless they meet the criteria listed for semi-classical. No hip-hop or rap performances are allowed.
2. Dance: ballet, modern dance, and tap.
3. Dramatic Interpretation: Poetry, oration, monologue, etc. (Printed script must be provided for each judge).
4. Visual Art: Sculpture, photography, drawing, and painting. (3 to 5 pieces for judging)

B. Basic Rules for Participation in the Talent Hunt Program:

1. Contestant must be a high school student who has not advanced beyond a senior at the time of the Local Talent Hunt competition. Homeschooled contestants must present verification from their school district that they are high school students.
2. All presentations, including instrumental numbers, must be memorized, dignified, and in good taste.
3. Presentations that are not memorized cannot be considered for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
4. Track music may be used for accompaniment if there are no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
5. This Talent Hunt is a competition on the Chapter level. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will advance to the District level, and the winner at the District level will advance to the International level. The Talent Hunt is a demonstration only!
6. There is no adjudication at the International Level; however, each participant will receive a monetary award (TBD) at this level.
7. The presentation performed or presented at the Chapter level shall be the same as performed at the State, District, and International level.
8. The Chapter (Tau Rho) is responsible for the expenses incurred associated with transporting the contestant to the District Talent Hunt.
9. The District is responsible for the expenses incurred associated with transporting the District winner to the International Talent Hunt Demonstration during the Grand Conclave.



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10. The primary point of contact for this event is Brother Robert Evans at 703-881-2625 or by email at [evansr0314@gmail.com](mailto:evansr0314@gmail.com).

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