Who May Enter?

Participation is permitted in the following areas:

1. Music: Instrumental, Vocal, Piano Solo (Categories – classical, semi-classical, gospel, jazz)  (Printed music must be provided for the judges)
2. Dance: Interpretive movement to music (Style – ballet, modern dance, tap)
3. Drama/Speech: (Classification – poetry, readings, orations, monologues) (Script must be provided for the judges)
4. Visual Art (Categories – art, painting, sculpture, drawing, and photography)

Deadline to Submit Application and Enter is: Postmarked or emailed (date/time stamped) no later than midnight March 1, 2018

Basic rules for participation in the Talent Hunt Program:

1. Contestant must be a high school student (grades 9-12) at the time of the competition.
2. This competition is not open to groups.
3. All performances or presentations including instrumental selections MUST be memorized.
4. All performances or presentations should reflect good taste.
5. No performance or presentation should exceed six minutes.
6. Pre-recorded accompaniment cannot be used for musical performances or presentations.
7. Use of an accompanist should be one who has rehearsed with the contestant.
8. For the participants, recommended dress is casual.
Dear Prospective Talent Hunt Contestant:

The members of the Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are excited that you are contemplating being a contestant in our 2018 Talent Hunt Competition, which will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 24, 2018. We look forward to witnessing exceptional high school students competing for awards and the opportunity to represent Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter during the Second District Conference Talent Hunt Competition. That event is scheduled for April 28, 2018, in Baltimore, Maryland.

In order for you to be considered as a contestant, you must read the following information and guidelines and complete the last three pages. All applications and required materials must be sent to:

Mr. Rob Stevens  
Xi Lambda Lambda Chapter  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
PO Box 127  
Nanuet, New York 10954

All applications and materials are to be postmarked or emailed (date/time stamped) no later than midnight March 1, 2018.

On behalf of the members of Xi Lambda Lambda, I look forward to receiving your information and to having you participate in “Rockland County’s finest talent competition for 2018!” If you have questions or concerns, please contact me via phone at 347-645-4337 or email HarlemQRob@gmail.com

Sincerely yours,

Rob Stevens  
Talent Hunt Chairman
THE TALENT HUNT IDEA

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Talent Hunt idea was created in the Fraternity’s Sixth District (North and South Carolina) in 1945. The first District Talent Hunt Program was held in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 19, 1946. The need for such a program was born out of the unequal opportunity afforded to some American youth to develop and give full expression to their talents.

The original statement of the Talent Hunt idea included this expression: "Creative and outstanding capacities in any honorable activity should be eligible for consideration.” In presenting the first public program, the displays of talent were limited to the field of music.

The Talent Hunt idea has become one of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's international projects, with all chapters mandated to conduct an Annual Talent Hunt Program. On the local and district levels, the project is competitive. At the international level, the program is a demonstration. The international program showcases district winners, who by their talent, diligence, ability, and potential appear as guests of the Fraternity. At this stage of our growth, the Talent Hunt is proceeding on the international level along three lines:

1. At each session of the Grand Conclave, a Talent Hunt demonstration is presented to the public.

2. In addition, Omega is also interested in what it calls a "Fundamental Search for Talent." Here, the Fraternity hopes to develop the process and resources through which it can help discover and provide assistance, as may be needed, to young people who have shown and possess talents of outstanding and exceptional quality. The field of interest will not be limited to music but all areas of the performing and visual arts.

3. In our projected planning, we hope to further encourage the contestants on our Talent Hunt programs by recommending them to our chapters and other organizations throughout the United States for presentations in their respective communities.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Talent Hunt contestants have appeared on the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour, at the Apollo Theater, Radio City Music Hall, Philadelphia Academy of Music, Philadelphia Civic Center, New York City, Washington, DC Centers for the Performing Arts, the Eastman Theater, etc.

The Talent Hunt program has been very rewarding to the brotherhood of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and equally rewarding to many talented youth. We will continue to search for and support our gifted, young superstars!
2018 TALENT HUNT GUIDELINES

1. The competition is open to students in grades 9 – 12. The competition is not open to groups!

2. The competition will be solo performances or presentations in the following areas:
   a. Instrumental Solo - classical / contemporary
   b. Piano Solo – classical / contemporary
   c. Vocal Solo - classical / contemporary
   d. Dramatics - dramatic interpretation
   e. Dance - ballet, creative, modern, tap
   f. Visual Art – painting, sculpture, drawing, and photography

3. A contestant performing at the Talent Hunt will be allocated a maximum of six (6) minutes. Contestants who exceed the maximum time allocation will lose points!
   a. All music or dramatic selections must be memorized.
   b. Dancers must use cassette tape or compact disc.
   c. CD tracks for instrumentalists and vocalists must not contain any background vocals.
   d. Accompaniment is limited to a CD track without vocals or one instrument.

4. Dress:
   a. Gentlemen: Preference is for dark suit/Sport jacket with a tie.
   b. Ladies: Wear dark dress.
   c. Contestants in the dance and drama categories may wear attire appropriate for their performance.
   d. No jeans or sneakers!

5. Guidelines:

Remember – Failure to adhere to the guidelines listed above may result in a lower score. In some cases, the contestant may not be allowed to participate.
| **XI LAMBDA LAMBDA TALENT HUNT CONTESTANT APPLICATION**  
| **OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**  
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**Note:** You are required to provide any electronic equipment required and an operator.
PASSPORT STYLE PHOTOGRAPH AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Note: A wallet size (passport style) photograph and a biographical sketch of 100 words or less must accompany this form. Please contact the Talent Hunt Chairman to confirm receipt of your completed application.

Staple Passport Style Photograph Here

Provide a biographical narrative of no more than 100 words below

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TALENT HUNT COMPETITION

PARENTAL RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

[Please Type or Print]

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

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________ Age: _________

Physical Address: ____________________________________________

Email Address: ______________________________________________

Parent or legal guardian’s name: ________________________________

Contact phone numbers during event hours: Home: ___________ Cell: ___________

Insurance information:

Insurance coverage by [Provide name, address, and telephone No.]: ______________________

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)