



**Alpha Nu Chapter
of
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

Presents

TALENT HUNT COMPETITION 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

12:00 Noon

Norwalk Public Library

1 Belden Avenue

Norwalk, Connecticut 06850

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Dear Prospective Talent Hunt Contestant:

The members of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are excited that you are contemplating being a contestant in our Talent Hunt Competition 2024, which will be held on **Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.**

This year's competition promises to be one of the best in the last decade, with exceptional high school students competing for cash awards and the opportunity to represent the Alpha Nu Chapter at its First District Conference Talent Hunt Competition in Hartford, Connecticut on Saturday, May 4th, 2024.

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

**Alpha Nu Chapter
Talent Hunt
PO Box 793
Norwalk, CT 06856
Or email to
hartis20@yahoo.com**

The deadline for receiving applications and materials is Saturday, April 6, 2024.

On behalf of the Alpha Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., I look forward to receiving your information and to having you participate in "Connecticut's finest talent competition for 2024" If you have questions, please contact me at 203-434-8930.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie Artis

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Alpha Nu Chapter Talent Hunt Chairman

The Talent Hunt Idea

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Talent Hunt idea was created in the Fraternity's Sixth District (North and South Carolina) in 1945, and 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 graduate 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 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 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 to the many talented youth who have participated. We will continue to search for and support our gifted, young superstars!

2024 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* in the following areas:
 - a) Instrumental Music - classical or popular/ contemporary
 - b) Vocal Music - classical or popular/contemporary
 - c) Dramatics - dramatic interpretation
 - d) Dance - ballet, creative, modern, tap
3. **All contestants will be allocated a maximum of six (6) minutes. Contestants who exceed the maximum time allocation will be penalized!**
 - 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 CD track without vocals or one instrument.*
4. Dress:
 - a) Dress for the contest should be clean, non-obscene and in good taste.
 - b) Contestants in the dance and drama categories may wear attire appropriate for their presentation.
 - c) No jeans or sneakers!
5. **All contestants must send a video clip (via email, You Tube, Yahoo, Google, etc.) of at least one minute duration in which you are performing the act that will be performed in the talent show.** We must receive this video clip by Saturday, April 6, 2024. You can email the clip to hartis20@yahoo.com. The video will serve as the audition and the Alpha Nu Chapter reserves the right to accept or not accept any prospective contestant. In the event there is a problem with creating a video clip, please contact us for alternative solutions.
6. Guidelines:
 - a) Remember failure to adhere to the guidelines listed above may result in a penalty to the contestant. In some cases, the contestant may not be allowed to participate.
 - b) Alpha Nu reserves the right to determine what is in good taste and to suspend an act during the competition at any time.
7. Prizes:

We will recognize and provide awards to the top three winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd place)

* The Talent Hunt Committee has the option of inviting the 1st Place winner to compete at the District Level Competition scheduled on Saturday, May 4, 2024, in Hartford, CT. The winner of the District competition will receive a cash award, in addition to the chapter award above, and have an opportunity to represent the First District at our National Convention, which includes travel & hotel accommodations paid for by the district and an additional cash award provided by the fraternity. Please indicate on the following page if you are able and willing to participate in the District Talent Hunt on Saturday, May 4, 2024.