



**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity  
Mu Iota Chapter  
P.O. Box 16203  
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February 12, 2021

Greetings:

The Mu Iota Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will host its Annual Talent Hunt Scholarship Program on **Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 2:00 P.M.** Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic this year's program will be held virtually and students will be required to submit a pre-recorded video of their performance. The Basileus, Aaron Kenyatta Marshall, and the members of Mu Iota Chapter would be honored to have you participate as a contestant in this year's program.

One of our national mandated programs is the Talent Hunt established in 1945 and implemented worldwide by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Its purpose is to provide exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young people (high school students) participating in the performing arts. Winners are awarded recognition and may be given college scholarships. The Talent Hunt program is used as a vehicle to raise funds and provide scholarships to the youth of Columbus.

Monetary awards will be presented to the top three contestants. The first-place contestant will advance to the District (State) Virtual Talent Hunt program in April 2021. Monetary awards will be presented to the top three contestants at District Talent Hunt.

The winner of the District Talent Hunt will advance to the Virtual International Talent Hunt Demonstration in July 2021 where each participant will receive a monetary scholarship award.

No sponsorship is required. The application for the Talent Hunt is enclosed. If interested, please **Submit the Talent Hunt application, Parental Release and Consent Form, Student Biography with photo, and performance video by March 12, 2021 to: [mitalenthuntchair@gmail.com](mailto:mitalenthuntchair@gmail.com)**

For further information, please contact Stephen Jones at (614) 893-3797 or [smjones1957@yahoo.com](mailto:smjones1957@yahoo.com). Thank you for your consideration and we hope to work with you on this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Jones

Enclosure

# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Mu Iota Chapter



## 2021 Talent Hunt

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**mitalenthuntchair@gmail.com**

### Competition Categories

#### MUSIC

Vocal Solo, Instrumental Solo and Piano Solo (Classical, Semi-Classical, Gospel, or Jazz)

#### INTERPRETIVE MOVEMENT TO MUSIC

Ballet, Modern Dance, and Tap

#### SPEECH

Poetry, Dramatic Readings, Orations, and Monologues

#### ART

Visual, Sculptures and Photography

To be eligible, applicants must be a high school student enrolled in a charter, public, private, or parochial schools. Participants must provide any necessary accompaniment. Duets and groups are not eligible. All performances are limited to a maximum time of six (6) minutes. Time limitation will be enforced. All performances must be memorized. Awards and Monetary gifts will be presented.

*Applications must be "received" no later than March 12, 2021*

For additional information, contact:  
Stephen M. Jones (614) 893-3797 or [smjones1957@yahoo.com](mailto:smjones1957@yahoo.com)

**THIS PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS IN THE GREATER COLUMBUS AREA  
ALL CHARTER, PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.**

## **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 youths 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 and Leadership Conference, 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 too many talented youth. We will continue to search for and support our gifted youth!**