



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Mu Iota Chapter
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**MU IOTA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
VIRTUAL TALENT HUNT PROGRAM, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021**

The Talent Hunt Program provides exposure, encouragement and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the performing arts. Winners are awarded recognition and may be given college scholarships.

The Talent Hunt Program is one of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Mandated Programs. The first Talent Hunt was held April 19, 1946, in Charlotte, NC. The need for such a program was born out of the limited opportunities afforded to some American youth to develop and give full expression of their talents.

Talent Hunt Rules and Guidelines

Participation in the Talent Hunt is open to the following categories:

- **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 unless it meets the criteria listed for semi-classical. No hip hop or rap.**
- **Interpretive Movement to Music: ballet, modern dance tap.**
- **Speech: Poetry, oration, monologue, etc. (Printed script should be provided for each judge to analyze)**
- **Visual Art: Sculpture, photography, drawing and painting. (3 to 5 pieces for judging)**



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Contestants must Memorize their performances and refrain from using profanity or vulgar language or derogatory words, etc.!

All equipment and supplies must be provided by the contestants for Virtual Talent Hunt.

Submit at least 3 – 5 pieces to be adjudicated if entering the Visual Arts category. It is suggested that each piece be labeled with the artist's name, title of piece, medium used for the piece, and date the piece was constructed.

Dress appropriately: Male participants must wear a dark suit or appropriate attire (i.e. No T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, etc.). Each female must wear appropriate attire (i.e. a dressy dress, or a simple short or long evening dress). Dance and drama participants may wear appropriate attire for their presentation. Proper dress is essential.

All contestants must adhere to the performance time limits. All performers will have a **maximum of 6 minutes**.
Contestants will be penalized if they exceed the time limits.



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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

Video Submission Requirements:

- The contestants must submit their videos in .mp4 or .mov format only and contain the contestant's name. (e.g. mikesmith.mov)
- The videos cannot contain any special effects to enhance their performance.
- The contestant must provide a quick introduction (No longer than 15 seconds; see example in Helpful Hints below) prior to their performances.
- The background area should have sufficient lighting and appropriate scenery.
- The performance must be memorized and conducted in **6 minutes or less**.
- Appropriate dress in accordance with the guidelines is required.
- Videos do not need to be professionally recorded.
- Videos made with iPhones or other digital devices are acceptable provided the audio and video are clear and in the proper format.



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1. Videos should not be professionally recorded.
2. Videos should not be edited, and the audio/video quality should be clear.
3. Videos made with iPhones or other digital devices are acceptable provided the audio and video are clear and in the appropriate format.
4. It is highly recommended that the video resolution be at least 1080p (1920 X 1080).
5. Review your video before you submit your performance. Have a friend, family member, teacher, or instructor watch it and critique.
6. Introduction should include: Greeting, Name, Age, Grade, School (City/State), Category of performance and composer (If applicable). Example: “Greetings, my name is John Doe I am 17 years old and a senior at Central High School in Columbus, Ohio. I will be performing in the dramatic interpretation category: “Invictus”, by William Ernest Henley...”



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March 12, 2021: Application Deadline

Contestant Application, Parental Release and Consent Form, Student biography with photo, and Performance video are to be submitted by March 12, 2021 **to: mitalenthuntchair@gmail.com**

March 20, 2021: Performance Selections

By March 20, 2021 all applications and performances will have been reviewed and selections will be made for those students moving forward to compete in our Talent Hunt Program

March 27, 2021: Mu Iota Annual Talent Hunt Program

On Saturday, March 27, 2021 Mu Iota Chapter will present its virtual Talent Hunt Program for the public to view.