

Purpose of Talent Hunt

The Talent Hunt program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is one of several national programs designed to identify and support the youth of our nation and world. All graduate chapters are mandated to conduct an Annual Talent Hunt Program. On the local and district levels, the program is competitive and helps showcase young people who possess talents of outstanding and exceptional quality.

Talent Hunt Participation

Participation in the Talent Hunt is open for the following areas of performing and visual art:

1. Music: Vocal and instrumental; classical, contemporary (i.e. Broadway, gospel, jazz, movie score, **Top 40**). A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze.
2. Dance: **hip hop**, ballet, modern dance, jazz, and tap.
3. Dramatic Interpretation: **rap**, 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)

Rules

Rules for Participation in the Local, State, District, and International Talent Hunt Programs:

1. The contestant must be a high school student who has not advanced beyond a senior at the time of the local Talent Hunt competition.
2. Contestants who are homeschooled must present verification from their school district that they are enrolled as a high school student.

3. All presentations including instrumental numbers must be memorized, dignified, and in good taste.
4. Presentations which are not memorized cannot be considered for prizes.
5. Track music may be used for accompaniment if there is no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
6. Participants will perform alone, as opposed to group participation. Selections will be limited to classical and contemporary instrumental and vocal, gospel and jazz music, dance **including hip hop**, dramatic interpretation **including rap**, and visual art.
7. Attire. 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.
8. Awards are made for first, second and third place.