



# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

## Pi Omega Chapter

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Dear Colleague:

Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host its **63rd Annual Talent Hunt** on **Sunday, March 3, 2019** at 3:00 p.m., at the Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School Performing Arts Center, 1400 Orleans Street, Baltimore, MD 21231. **Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Easterwood Recreation Center located at 1530 N. Bentalou Street, Baltimore, MD 21216. The times of the auditions are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Your actual audition time will be assigned upon receipt of the Talent Hunt application. Contestants entering the Art Division may attend the auditions with their work. A pre-Talent Hunt workshop will be scheduled for those interested contestants.

The Talent Hunt Competition was created in 1945 and is one of the national projects of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Pi Omega, the Baltimore Graduate Chapter, has participated in this activity for over 60 years, and many of our talented high school youths have benefited from this project through all-expenses paid trips, U.S. Savings Bonds, trophies, certificates, print and televised media exposure.

The winner in each category (Instrumental Music, Vocal, Dramatics, Visual Arts), in addition to receiving a \$200.00 cash award, will be eligible to represent the chapter at a five-state District Talent Hunt Competition at the 1,000 seat Education and Humanities Building on the campus of Delaware State University located in Dover, Delaware, on Saturday, April 27, 2019. **Note: The location is subject to change.**

Please encourage your talented students to avail themselves of this opportunity for personal and artistic growth. As educators, all of us know how important it is to provide young people in our charge with as many experiences as possible. We are encouraging our contestants to be coached by a professional adult who has expertise in their category of interest. There will be an ongoing monitoring process to ensure that perspective contestants are receiving guidance to enhance their artistic technique, as well as preparedness for the appropriate posture required for the performing arts.

Sincerely,

John C. Berkley, Chairman

Attachments



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### OMEGA TALENT HUNT STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

**Date/Time:** Sunday, March 3, 2019, 3:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School  
1400 Orleans Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

#### AWARDS

There will be a first-place winner in each of the of the four categories listed. Each first-place winner will receive a trophy and a \$200.00 cash prize.

From among the four (4) winners, contestants will be selected to represent Pi Omega Chapter at the District Talent Hunt Competition to be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** in Dover, Delaware. Contestants will compete against Talent Hunt winners from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Pi Omega Chapter will cover all reasonable expenses.

#### RUNNER-UP

Runners-up in each of the four categories will receive a trophy.

#### JUDGES

Judges will be persons who have demonstrated expertise in their judging areas.

#### CONTESTANTS

All contestants will receive a certificate. Contestants must get their certificates on the date of the contests before leaving. Only contestants whose names appear on the program will be permitted to perform.

#### AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Easterwood Recreation Center, 1530 N. Bentalou Street, Baltimore, MD 21216 on **Saturday, February 9, 2019. NOTE: Actual audition time will be assigned upon receipt of application.** There will be an audition accompanist for any contestant in need of one. Art contestants may attend the audition. The visual arts contestants must bring their paintings and/or sculpture to Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Talent Hunt.

#### GUIDELINES

Only those persons who audition will be permitted to perform on the day of the Talent Hunt. Competition is limited to a solo performance. All music, dance, and dramatic readings must be memorized and must be no longer than four (4) minutes. Selected contestants should arrive at **Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School** by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019.

**Contact Information:** Mr. John C. Berkley (443) 691-4602 ([jcberkley@erols.com](mailto:jcberkley@erols.com)).



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### Areas of Competition

- A. **Instrumental Music**
  - a. Classical
  - b. Semi-Classical (Broadway Musical production, Movie score, Jazz, Gospel). No Top 40 unless it meets the criteria for Semi-Classical. No Hip-Hop or Rap
- B. **Vocal** (must be prepared to sing with an accompanist rather than a record)
  - a. Classical
  - b. Semi-Classical (Broadway Musical production, Movie score, Jazz, Gospel). No Top 40 unless it meets the criteria for Semi-Classical. No Hip-Hop or Rap
- C. **Dramatics**
  - a. Dramatic Interpretation (Play excerpt, Spoken Word, etc.)
  - b. Dance (Ballet, Creative, Modern, Tap, etc.)
- D. **Visual Art**
  - a. Painting (Drawing, Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastel, Mixed Media, etc.)
  - b. Sculpture (Jewelry, Metal, Wood, Sawdust, Mixed Media, etc.)
  - c. Note: A contestant should submit 3 to 5 pieces for judging.

### **Please Note:**

1. **Vocalists and instrumentalists may use pre-recorded music on CD for auditions. However, pre-recorded music may not contain any lead or background vocals or lead instruments!!**
2. **A MP4 copy of the music will be needed for the actual Talent Hunt Competition.**
3. **For instrumental and vocal performances a printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze.**
4. **For Dramatic Interpretation a printed script must be provided for each judge to analyze.**



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### APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTICIPATION PI OMEGA CHAPTER TALENT HUNT 2019

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' SIGNATURE OF CONSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AUDITION February 3, 2019: Time: 10:00-11:00 \_\_ 11:00-12:00 \_\_ 12:00-1:00 \_\_

**Note:** Actual audition time will be assigned upon receipt of application

I recommend the above-named student as a participant in the Annual Talent Hunt Competition scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019. I have witnessed the student's capabilities, and I know that this student will be a worthy contestant in the area of talent identified below.

Music or Art Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ School Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MUSICAL RENDITION (Check Relevant items and give title)

Vocal Solo: Classical \_\_ Semi-Classical \_\_

Instrumental Solo: Classical \_\_ Semi-Classical \_\_ Instrument: \_\_

Vocal or Instrumental Accomplice needed: Y/N \_\_\_\_

Title/Composer of Musical Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DRAMATICS

Dance \_\_\_\_\_

Dramatic Arts \_\_\_\_\_

#### ART EXHIBIT

Painting \_\_\_\_ (includes metal, wood, clay, mixed media, etc.)

Sculpture \_\_\_\_ (includes metal, wood, clay, mixed media, etc.)

Deadline for submitting application: **Friday, February 8, 2019**

#### MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Mr. John C. Berkley, Talent Hunt Chairman

Pi Omega Fraternity Center

2003 Presbury Street Baltimore, MD 21217

Or Email application to [jcberkley@erols.com](mailto:jcberkley@erols.com)