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Sigma Mu Mu Chapter

2026 Talent Hunt Program

Information Packet

Dear Prospective Talent Hunt Contestant:

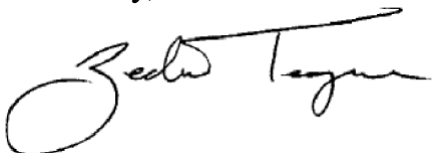
The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Mu Mu Chapter, are excited about your interest in participating in our annual Talent Hunt Program. The program will be conducted on **February 21, 2026 at John Champe High School from 7-9 p.m.** **The school address is 41535 Sacred Mountain Street, Aldie, VA 20105.** Please submit your application and parental consent forms by February 19, 2026.

This event is held annually to showcase the exceptional talent of Northern Virginia high school students. You will compete for cash awards and the opportunity to represent Sigma Mu Mu during the Third District Talent Hunt Competition in Virginia Beach, VA where participants compete for additional cash prizes. That event is scheduled for April 10, 2026. Additionally, the winner of the Third District competition will move on to participate in Omega's International Talent Hunt during the Fraternity's 2026 International Grand Conclave in Cincinnati, OH in July 2026.

Please read the information below and complete the **attached application** and **parental consent form**. All applications and required materials must be submitted via email to SigmaMuMuTalentHunt@gmail.com before midnight on February 19, 2026. The required application and parental consent forms can be obtained by clicking the following links ([application](#), [parental consent](#)) or by requesting via email at SigmaMuMuTalentHunt@gmail.com. In each case the PDF forms should be downloaded, completed electronically, and returned via email.

I look forward to receiving your information and your participation in our annual Talent Hunt Competition. If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-638-2920. Prospective contestants are encouraged to notify the committee of their interest *as soon as possible* via email.

Sincerely,

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Zedric Teague

Chairman, Sigma Mu Mu Chapter Talent Hunt Program

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

History of Talent Hunt

The Talent Hunt Program is an internationally mandated program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The first Talent Hunt Program was held April 19, 1946, in Charlotte, North Carolina. 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. This program provides exposure, encouragement, and financial assistance to talented high school students. Presently, the local and district Talent Hunt Programs are competitive, whereas the international program is a demonstration of first place winners from across the world.

The original statement of the Talent Hunt idea included this expression: "Creative and outstanding capacities in any honorable activity should be eligible for consideration." As a matter of convenience in presenting a public program, the public displays were limited to the field of music. Since that time, the Talent Hunt Program has been expanded to include all of the arts.

The Talent Hunt Program includes the following forms of trained art:

- Music: Vocal and instrumental, classical, semi-classical (i.e. Broadway Musical production, Movie score, Top 40), gospel, and jazz. A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. *To advance to the District competition in this category, contestants must perform a piece from these categories.*
- Interpretive Movement to Music: hip hop, ballet, modern dance, jazz, and tap.
- Speech: Rap, 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)

Basic rules for participation:

- Contestant must be a high school student (grades 9 -12) at the time of the competition.
- All presentations, including instrumental numbers, must be memorized, dignified, and in good taste.
- No performance shall exceed six minutes without penalty.
- Track music may be used for accompaniment as long as there is no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
- All contestants must submit a parental consent form.
- All vocal and instrumental contestants must provide sheet music for the judges prior to the performance.
- All drama and speech contestants must provide a script prior to the performance.

Dress:

Semi-formal attire is *required* (women – dresses, men – dark suit, white shirt with tie or bow tie). Formal dress is *recommended* for the participants (women – long formal gowns, men – black tuxedos/black tie).

Judging:

Judges will be accomplished professionals, representing each talent category. The contestant who achieves the highest combined score from all of the judges will be the winner.