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Re: 8th District Talent Hunt Program Coordination

Greetings In the Name of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

I am writing to inform you of our plans and preparations for the 8th District Talent Hunt Program. The 8th District Talent Hunt Program is on track and will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Holiday Inn - Omaha Convention Center, 3321 South 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68124, as part of the 61st Annual 8th District Conference.

8th District Talent Hunt participants must be high school students competing in the following forms of trained talent. (*Trained talent is defined by the possibilities of furthering their education in college.*):

1. **Vocal and Instrumental Music:** Classical, semi-classical, gospel and jazz. A printed copy of the music (score) is required for the judges to analyze. Recorded music tracks may be used for vocal accompaniment, but these tracks may not contain background vocals.
2. **Interpretive Movement to Music:** ballet, modern dance and tap.
3. **Speech:** Poetry, oration, monologue, etc. A printed copy of the script is required for judges to analyze.
4. **Visual Art:** Sculpture, photography, drawing and painting.

All 8th District Talent Hunt participants must be registered no later than Saturday, April 10, 2010. Registration forms must be complete and must contain sufficient details to allow preparation of the printed program, planning for technical requirements, sequencing of participants, etc. (See attached 8th District Talent Hunt Registration Form). Registrations can be submitted by email or fax:

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FAX Number (913) 682-2607 [Note: Call first so I can turn the FAX on.]

Please note that Chapters are responsible for providing the funds necessary to provide transportation, lodging and meals for their Talent Hunt winners' participation in District and International Talent Hunt Programs.

The 8th District Talent Hunt Program will comply with guidelines published by the International Talent Program Committee. These guidelines are available in the Members Only section of the official Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. website. Alternatively, you can contact me at rcoaxum@kc.rr.com to have a copy delivered to you via email.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please email me at rcoaxum@kc.rr.com , or call me at home at (913) 682-2607; or on my cell phone at (913) 547-3574.

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Ronald W. Coaxum

Bro. Ron Coaxum
8th District Talent Hunt Chairman

Encl.
8th District Talent Hunt Registration Form

THE OMEGA TALENT HUNT

I. Purpose

- A. Search for the best talent
- B. Encouragement of such talent through scholarships and financial assistance.

II. Method

- A. Finalists selected from chapters and District Talent hunt competition
- B. Judged by experts
- C. Demonstration on International level

III. Judges' Briefing

- A. On goals of the Talent Hunt
- B. On scope of the whole program of local, state, district and international presentations.

IV. Pointers for Judges

- A. Winner must show an ability to win in greater eliminations (district and state)
- B. Talent of the contestant should be considered foremost and not be hindered by weaknesses found in the accompanist.
- C. The talent of an individual and his total ability will be considered rather than disqualifying him/her because of a personality clash.
- D. Talent of a contestant will be thoroughly judged in the light of his/her being a high school student, and not an artist or college student.
- E. The talent of a contestant will be considered by degrees of his/her various abilities in techniques, general musicianship, etc.
- F. Judges completely fill out one contestant's blank form before the next contestant appears.

8th District Talent Hunt Contestant Application

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

(All information must be typed)

Contestant's Name _____ Age _____

Contestant's E-mail address _____

Address _____ City _____ State /Zip _____

Parents or Guardian _____ Telephone _____

Chapter _____

Chapter Talent Hunt Chairman _____

Chairman Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Chairman email _____

Participant's High School _____ Grade _____

Grade Point Average _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Extra Curricula Activities (School/ Community) _____

Honors and Awards Received _____

Church Membership _____

Hobbies _____

College /University Participant Plans to Attend _____

City _____ State _____ Major _____

Category participant will compete in (Select One):

Contemporary Instrumental Solo _____ Classical Instrumental Solo _____

Contemporary Vocal Solo _____ Classical Vocal Solo _____ Piano Solo _____

Drama Interpretations _____ Dance _____ Visual Arts _____

Name of Composition/Presentation _____

Name of Composer _____

Please indicate which of the following you will need for your performance:

a) Piano _____ b) Microphone _____ c) d) Accompanist _____ e)

CD Player _____ f) Other (please be specific) _____

Note: Please identify ALL equipment and operator requirements. A 4x6 photograph and a biographical sketch of 100 words or less must accompany this form. Please contact the Talent Hunt Chairman to confirm receipt of your completed application.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Eighth District Talent Hunt Program

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Parental Release and Consent Form Talent Hunt Competition

Parental release and consent form (submit with application form)

Student's name: _____ Age: _____

Physical address: _____

Email address: _____

Parent or legal guardian's name: _____
(please print)

Contact phone numbers during event hours: (home): _____ (cell): _____

Insurance information:

Indicate whether the participant is covered by health insurance: (YES) (NO)

Name of Insurance Company/Provider: _____

Photo and Image Release:

I give the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. permission to photograph, videotape or record my child and to use the photographs, videotape, film or recording in its print and electronic publications, video broadcasts, radio broadcasts or any other presentation of the images. I agree that the photographs and videotapes, including negatives, slides and prints or any other presentation of the images, are the property of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. I waive any right I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product in which the images may be used. By signing this form, I intend to release and discharge the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from any and all claims that I may have, and agree to hold harmless and defend the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from liability arising from claims or litigation arising from its use of my child's image, voice, or performance.

Waiver and Consent for Emergency Treatment:

I am aware that the activity for which I am registering my child involves limited events or field trips that will be conducted as part of this activity. In consideration of the right to participate in this activity, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage I may have against the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., its Board of Directors, District or local officials, members, employees and agents, for any and all injuries, if any, suffered by my child while participating in this activity. I give my consent to emergency treatment, including hospitalization as may be needed for the welfare of my child

If you are under the age of 21, your parent/guardian must also sign this form.

(Student's Signature) _____ Date: _____

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)