



December 11, 2024

Dear Educator:

The chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the Greater Baton Rouge area is committed to showcasing today's youth with talents in music, drama, speech, and dance. To this end, we are soliciting high school students to submit their application by **Friday, March 7, 2025**, to participate in our Talent Hunt Program.

The purpose of the Omega Talent Hunt is to provide exposure, encouragement, recognition, and financial assistance to talented young people participating in the Performing Arts. The winners of the local Talent Hunt Program will receive a cash prize. All local performances will be virtual. The first-place winner will compete in the live District Talent Hunt Competition to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Ninth District Talent Hunt Committee will evaluate high school student performances from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

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 contestants must provide a quick introduction (No longer than 15 seconds) prior to their performance.
- The background area should have adequate 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. The Talent Hunt Committee will be able to assist you in preparing your virtual performance. Contact **Mr. David Perkins at (225) 718-3672**. if you need assistance.

Attached you will find a fillable PDF file application and Parental Consent Form required to compete in the Talent Hunt Program. Please copy and distribute it to students who would be interested in participating. **The deadline for entry is Friday, March 7, 2025. The Committee will strictly adhere to this date.**

The completed application with the video performance should be electronically submitted via emailed to Mr. David Perkins at cdavidperkins@gmail.com, or mailed to the address below. All USPS mailed applications must be received by **Friday, March 7, 2025**.

Thank you for your committed service to our youth.

Warmest Regards,

David Perkins

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Omegas of Greater Baton Rouge
Talent Hunt Committee

PLEASE NOTE

Return this application to: Omegas of Greater Baton Rouge Louisiana
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2025 Talent Hunt Guidelines

The 2025 Talent Hunt Competition is open to High School Students grades 9-12. The competition is not open to groups. All local submissions must be virtual.

The competition will be solo performances in the following areas:

- Instrumental Music – gospel, classical or jazz
- Vocal Music – gospel, classical or jazz
- Drama – dramatic interpretation (poetry, monologue, etc.)
- Dance – ballet, creative, modern, tap
- Visual Arts – paintings, sculptures

Performance requirements

- A contestant performing a vocal, dance, or dramatic selection will be allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes.
- A contestant performing an instrumental selection will be allocated a maximum of six (6) minutes.
- All music or dramatic selections must be memorized.
- Excess time will be penalized.
- Art contestants may submit a maximum of five (5) and a minimum of three (3) pieces to be adjudicated.

Adjudicators:

- A minimum of three (3) adjudicators reviews the performances.
- The Adjudicators' total scores will determine the winners.
- The adjudicator's decisions are final.

Awards:

- The top three placing performances will receive cash awards.
- The winner will have the opportunity to represent the Greater Baton Rouge area at the Ninth District Talent Hunt Competition.
- All participants will receive some type of recognition.

Dress:

- Young men must wear a tie and jacket or suit.
- Young ladies must wear appropriate attire.
- Students in the dance and drama categories may dress according to the character that he/she is portraying, if desired.