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2019
PAT GILL PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
“Harlem Nights”
Application and Guidelines



Application Guidelines - 2019

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®] is America's premier Greek letter organization established by African American women in 1908 at Howard University. The sorority aims to improve economical conditions at the local, regional, and International levels. Alpha Kappa Alpha is committed to providing opportunities, in the form of scholarships, where exemplary individuals can effectively make inroads into society.

Pearls of Service Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®], Phi Lambda Omega and Omicron Chi Chapters are proud to present its 18th Annual Pat Gill Performing Arts Scholarship Showcase. This wonderful display of local high school talent is in honor of Patricia Gill, one of the charter members of Phi Lambda Omega. She was a well-known performing artist in the Memphis community and a graduate of Hamilton High School. Phi Lambda Omega will offer seven scholarships:

- *1st Place - \$5,000.00*
- *2nd Place - \$4,000.00*
- *3rd Place - \$3,000.00*
- *4th Place - \$2,000.00*
- *5th Place- \$1,000.00*
- *Executive Award - \$250*
- *Literary Award - \$250*

To compete for the scholarships, you must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Be a graduating high school senior from the Greater Memphis and Shelby County Area including surrounding counties.*
- 2. Have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.*
- 3. Submit an official school transcript.*
- 4. Perform a talent during the showcase (2-4 minutes).*
- 5. Secure two signed letters of recommendation from the following: Guidance Counselor and Teacher*
- 6. Submit a recent photograph. Include a picture in the packet. Also, **email the picture (JPEG)** to be displayed in the program book to p_cry_parker@outlook.com.*
- 7. Complete narrative essay (250 – 400 words.)*
- 8. Submit a **\$50 non-refundable** application fee (cashier's check or money order only) with completed packet postmarked by **January 19, 2019**.*

Showcase Information

Talent Showcase: The Pat Gill Showcase will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. at Rhodes College, Bryan Campus Life Center (BCLC). The public is invited. Admission is \$25 per person.

Contestant Workshop and Parent Meeting: All contestants are required to attend one of the two dates scheduled for an Economic/College and Career workshop. A parent/guardian is required to attend a 30-minute meeting on one of the workshop dates. Contestants may choose to attend **January 26** or **February 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Parent Meeting from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)** Lunch will be provided. Location to be determined

Performances: All performances, music, lyrics, spoken words, and costuming/attire must be approved by the committee on the day of the selected workshop. No changes can be made after committee approval.

Important Dates:

January 19, 2019 – Deadline for application and application fee Note: Contestants will be contacted with further details after applications are received.

January 26 and February 2 – Contestant Workshops and Parent Meeting
Deadline for recommendation letters (Bring to workshop)
Private presentation of performance (for approval)

February 16, 2019 – Last day to submit ads

February 22, 2019 – Rehearsal

Deadline for submitting final ticket and ad money

February 23, 2019 – Pat Gill Talent Showcase

All information should be sent to:

Pat Gill Performing Arts Scholarship
Attention: Princess Cry Parker
Pearls of Service Foundation, Incorporated®
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Phi Lambda Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 752282
Memphis, TN 38175-2282

E-mail questions to Dr. Princess Cry Parker at p_cry_parker@outlook.com and/or request an electronic copy of the Pat Gill Performing Arts Scholarship application.

II. NARRATIVE ESSAY

Compose a brief narrative (typed 250-400 words, double spaced) explaining how performing arts have impacted your life. In addition, include the motivating factors that encourage you to pursue a higher education. (Use a separate sheet of paper.)

III. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please secure two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from one of your teachers and the other from your counselor. The signed letters should include: **A)** Your name, **B)** length of relationship and **C)** information regarding your character.

IV. SUBMIT A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH (one in the application packet and one to be included in the program emailed to p_cry_parker@outlook.com).

V. SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

All information must be postmarked by **January 19, 2018** and include the non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 (money order or cashier's check only) payable to Pearls of Service Foundation, Inc.

Mail \$50 application fee & completed application packet to:

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Attention: Dr. Princess Cry Parker
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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Release of Information

RELEASE: Submission of this material signifies that this is the applicant's original work.

I understand that contestants will perform their talent on the day of the event. The finalists will be announced at the showcase.

I understand that all entries become the property of the Pearls of Service Foundation, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Phi Lambda Omega Chapter/Omicron Chi Chapter and will not be returned.

I understand that scholarships will ONLY be awarded the semester immediately following graduation and upon receipt of Enrollment Verification from the College/University's Admissions Office. In the event a scholarship recipient does not attend a college or university the fall semester after graduation, the scholarship is forfeited.

I understand that the Pearls of Service Foundation, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Phi Lambda Omega Chapter/Omicron Chi Chapter are not responsible for any materials misdirected, lost, or damaged.

I also understand that the decision of the judges is **FINAL**.

I give, _____, permission to apply and
Contestant's Name

participate in the Pat Gill Performing Arts Scholarship Showcase. I have read all of the information and understand all of the criteria.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS COULD
JEOPARDIZE RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

