



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Rho Chi Omega Chapter



30th Annual Angel Pageant



“These Girls Are on F.I.R.E.”

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Parent Handbook

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Rho Chi Omega Chapter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Rho Chi Omega Chapter, welcome you to our 30th Annual Angel Pageant. We are ecstatic about what we have in store for your precious angel as she participates and are honored that you have entrusted us with the opportunity to make an impact on her life. The theme for the “Pearl Anniversary” of the pageant is “These Girls Are on FIRE”.

We have actively planned events and activities that encompass a full spectrum of topics which include relevant and relatable social interactions, community service projects, and key personal enrichment workshops. These workshops are focused on the concepts of Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM), strategic vision and etiquette. In addition to these workshops, we will create special moments for your angel through the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza, Father and Daughter Tea and pageantry training. These activities are designed to encourage positive achievement by helping to nurture and build scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement.

We have prepared this booklet to serve as a guide for the upcoming pageantry season. In this booklet, you will find eligibility criteria, calendar of activities, attire and contact information.

If you have participated in previous Angel Pageant seasons, thank you, and we are grateful you chose to return. If this is your first time, we welcome you and get ready for an awesome experience. With your support, we will continue the legacy of providing service and scholarships to our local community.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail M. Gandy, at 256-509-3107 or email us at angelpageant@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation and we will look forward to working with you and your angel to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Gandy

Gail M. Gandy, Chairman
Angel Pageant Committee

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Tonnesha M. Lewis, President
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Eligibility and Requirements

Cherubim Angel (Baby Angel)

Age: 4 years (*by first workshop*) – 1st grade

Attire:

Dressy white pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Guardian Angel (Elementary School)

Grades: 2nd - 4th

Attire:

Dressy pastel pink pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Arch Angel (Middle School)

Grades: 5th - 8th

Attire:

Dressy pastel green pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Pageant and Fathers/Father-Figures

Fathers/father-figures will escort the Angels in the pageant on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Attire is a black suit, white dress shirt, black bow tie, and black dress shoes.

Fathers/father-figures are required to attend the practice on April 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center.

Registration Fee

The registration fee covers all program activities. The cost is \$130.00 per Angel. The registration fee is **non-refundable**.

Refund Policy

All fees paid to Rho Chi Omega Chapter are not refundable in full or in part under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to registration fees, advertising fees, and admission fees. *Should a participant withdraw from the Angel Pageant, for any reason, she will not receive a refund of any fees.*

Angel Pageant Participant Code of Conduct

Purpose of the Code of Conduct

The Angel Pageant Code of Conduct is to establish standards of conduct and to identify the circumstances under which a participant may be removed or excluded from an activity or removed from the Angel Pageant program.

The Code provides information to parents and participants regarding expectations for behavior, consequences of misconduct, and procedures for administering discipline.

Each participant and parent/guardian must sign the Participant Code of Conduct to be able to participate in the Angel Pageant program.

Standards of Participant Conduct

The Angel Pageant program is committed to the rights of participants. In addition, the program has detailed certain expectations (responsibilities) regarding participant behavior that, when adopted by participants, affect a positive influence on the program and program participants. A proper balance between rights and responsibilities is essential if the program is to provide the kinds of educational experiences that promote self-responsibility and enhance educational opportunities for all participants.

Five standards of participant conduct are offered as a guideline. These standards assert that responsible participants should be encouraged and taught to:

1. Exercise self-control.
 - a. Use courteous language.
 - b. Resolve conflict in a mature manner.
 - c. Be appropriately dressed and groomed.
 - d. Demonstrate a positive attitude.
2. Take a leadership role.
 - a. Be polite.
 - b. Be cooperative.
3. Respect the rights and feelings of others.
 - a. Behave in a manner that does not disrupt others.
 - b. Treat others with courtesy and respect (i.e., put oneself in the place of the other person, whether that person is another participant, presenter, community person, committee members, or any other person on site.)
4. Take responsibility for program property.
 - a. Respect the building, grounds, and property.
 - b. Keep the site free from trash.

5. Support the learning process.
 - a. Attend and participate in all workshops and activities regularly and on time.
 - b. Be prepared for workshops (i.e., bring assignments, notebooks, and supplies).
 - c. Listen carefully to instructions.
 - d. Participate in program activities.

The Program plans to promote positive participant conduct in conjunction with the site/workshop rules is designed to maintain order in the program, foster a climate of mutual respect for the rights of others, and teach participants that they are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner appropriate to their age and level of maturity.

Expectations for Participant Behavior

Each participant is expected to:

1. Demonstrate courtesy and respect for others, even when others do not.
2. Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
3. Attend all workshops/activities, regularly and on time.
4. Be prepared for each workshop; take appropriate materials and assignments to workshop.
5. Be well-groomed and dressed appropriately.
6. Obey all site and program rules.
7. Respect the rights and privileges of other participants and of presenters and other program committee members.
8. Respect the property of others, including program property and facilities.
9. Cooperate with or assist the sorority members in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
10. Participants must be **signed in and out by an adult**.

Prohibited Conduct and Disciplinary Consequences

In imposing discipline, the Program Chairman or Co-Chairmen will consider:

1. The seriousness of the offense.
2. The participant's age.
3. The participant's attitude.
4. The potential effect of the misconduct on the program environment.
5. Whether the participant was defending herself.
6. Intent or lack of intent at the time of the conduct.
7. Participants will be removed from the program with repeated misconduct.
8. Parents/guardians will be required to immediately pick-up participant if called for misconduct.
9. Participants expelled from the program for repeated misconduct or major violation of code of conduct will not receive a refund.

Personal Enrichment Workshops

Participants are required to attend **all** personal enrichment workshops and activities. The workshops will cover etiquette, self-esteem, leadership, creativity, community service, Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM), and pageantry training. The workshops and activities are listed in the Calendar of Events section of this handbook.

****No gum chewing or eating candy is permitted in the workshops.**

****Light refreshments will be served after each workshop.**

Memory Book

Each Angel is required to keep a “Memory Book” of her Angel Pageantry experience. The sorority will provide the Memory Book. The Angel introduces herself with a favorite photograph. After each workshop or activity, the Angel will write about her experience in the Memory Book. At the beginning of each workshop, the books will be turned in to members of the sorority to read and make positive comments. This is one way of enhancing the Angels’ writing skills. The memory books will be displayed during the Talent Extravaganza and Pageant Finale.

Mommy and Me Weekend

This program allows the “angels” to spend some special time with their mother or female guardian over **two days of activities** designed to **strengthen the unbreakable bond that only mothers and daughters share.**

Fashion and Talent Extravaganza

This program allows the “Angels” to dazzle their parents, friends and relatives with fashion and talent. The talent is optional for the Cherubim Angels **only**. The Guardian and Arch Angels **must** present an individual talent for the extravaganza. All participants will participate in the fashion portion of the program. The attire for the fashion show must be age appropriate.

The participants can showcase the talent of her choice; whether it is singing, dance, monologue, playing an instrument, etc. **The performance cannot exceed three (3) minutes.** The talent and performing attire must be age appropriate. **Angels must present an individual talent, not group or family, for the talent extravaganza.** Participants are responsible for providing talent props if applicable and any other equipment necessary for their performance.

Mothers or female guardians will participate in a special ceremony during the extravaganza and will join the angels on stage at the designated time. **Church attire is required for mothers or female guardians as a group photo per category will be included in the commemorative souvenir journal.**

Father and Daughter Tea

This program celebrates the connection that our precious Angels have with their father/father-figure in their lives through a special ceremonial event. A treasured moment, a cherished dance, and a special exchange between our Angels and the wind beneath their wings.

The attire is age appropriate church dress (no pants), hat or fascinator, and gloves (required).

The attire for the father/father-figure is a suit and tie.

Service Projects

The service project will support Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated International Program Target 5 - Global Assistance Activities. This target engages in global partnerships that provide assistance to the underserved in international areas populated with people of color around the world.

Soles 4 Souls. The angels will donate gently-worn shoes and new shoes for children, women, and men. With Alpha Kappa Alpha's partnership with Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit organization, Rho Chi Omega will process and ship the shoes to destinations around the world that are populated with people of color. Soles4Souls' mission is to create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of shoes around the world.

Lions Club International - Eyeglasses Initiative. The angels will participate in an eyeglass initiative designed to prevent blindness, help restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eye care for millions of people around the world by donating used prescription eyeglasses in partnership with local Lions Club organizations. Please bring your old prescription eyeglasses for donation.

The angels are encouraged to support one of the above initiatives by bringing any of the following items to the personal enrichment workshop on Saturday, March 14, 2020:

- ◆ New and/or gently-worn shoes for children, women, and men.
- ◆ Used prescription eyeglasses.

Awards and Judging Criteria

“Every Little Girl is a Winner”

Participants will be eligible for the following awards:

Participation:

Each participant will receive an Angel Pageant T-shirt at the Personal Enrichment Workshop. Each participant will receive a participation medal the night of the pageant.

Halo:

The Halo Award is awarded to the “Angel” who raises the most money through obtaining ads and other contributions for the souvenir book by the ad deadline. The winner will be announced the night of the pageant and receive a plaque.

Tanisha Reeves Congeniality:

The special award will be presented the night of the pageant to the “Angel” that exhibits the most congeniality throughout the planned activities. After each required activity, the Angel Pageant Committee will rate and nominate an Angel based upon the following criteria:

- A. Friendly concern for her peers
- B. Interest and participation in topics presented
- C. Respect for adults and others
- D. Leadership
- E. Personal Growth

The angel with the highest average rating will receive the award. To be eligible for this award, the angel must have attended and participated in all personal enrichment workshops, “Mommy and Me” event, Father and Daughter Tea, and the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza. The recipient will receive an electronic savings bond from Tanisha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan (Norma) Reeves.

Fashion and Talent Extravaganza:

Each participant will receive a certificate of participation. The participants will be judged on their talent presentation based on the following criteria: creativity, presentation, appearance, and originality. Each criteria is worth a maximum of ten (10) points. Two points will be deducted if talent is longer than three (3) minutes. First, second, and third place winners for each category will be announced at the end of the program. Each winner will be presented a trophy. The decision of the judges is final.

Memory Book:

This award will be presented at the Pageant. The memory book will be judged on general appearance (50 points), creativity (10 points), neatness (10 points), completeness (10 points), well-organized (10 points), originality (5 points), and securely bound (in sheet protectors) (5 points). Certificates will be given to the top winner in each category and each winner will be featured in the Pageant Souvenir Journal.

Most Photogenic (Optional Award):

Participants in this category should email a high resolution head shot photograph of the angel to AngelPageant@gmail.com. In the email, state the angel's name and category. Photographs should look like a true representation of the child. No airbrushed “glitz”

photographs. If the judges believe that these rules have been violated, the participant will be disqualified from this award. **Only digital pictures will be accepted.**

A certificate will be presented to the overall winner at the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza. The winner will also be featured in the Pageant Souvenir Journal.

Pageant:

Participants will be judged on their personality, appearance, poise, and curtsy during the pageant. Each criteria is worth a maximum of ten (10) points. Each participant is judged on her individual presentation. A winner and two runner-ups for each category will be designated. The winners from each category will be crowned Rho Chi Omega's Cherubim, Guardian, and Arch Angels. The decision of the judges is final.

Pageant Tie-Breakers:

Cherubim and Guardian Angels

If there is a tie, the statistician will add the personality (presentation) scores only for the contestants tied. The one with the highest presentation score will be the winner.

Arch Angels

If there is a tie, the statistician will add the on-stage question scores only for the contestants tied. The one with the highest on-stage question score will be the winner. If the tie still exists, then the statistician will add the personality (presentation) scores only for the contestants tied. The one with the highest personality (presentation) score will be the winner.

On-Stage Question and Answer for Arch Angels Only

The on-stage question and answer is for the Arch Angels category only. The Arch Angels will be given ten (10) questions related to their Angel Pageant experience or current events or issues of concern to youth at a workshop or practice before pageant night. The Arch Angels will have the opportunity to practice a response to the questions prior to pageant night. On pageant night, the Arch Angels will select a random question from the ten questions and answer the question. Once the question is asked by the commentator, the angel has a maximum of thirty (30) seconds to respond. The Angel may ask the commentator to repeat the question only once. Once the time limit is met, the angel will be stopped immediately (even in mid-sentence). For the on-stage question and answer, the angels will be judged on the ability to communicate in front of an audience, and context of the answer in relation to the question. This category is worth a maximum of twenty (20) points. The Arch Angels will not be judged on their opinions or personal beliefs. There are no right or wrong answers, just confident answers.

Disclaimer

There is one panel of judges for the Talent Extravaganza, a separate panel of judges for the Pageant, and separate judges for the Memory Books, and Most Photogenic awards. The judges for all events/awards represent a variety of professional sectors within their communities. The judges are not members of Rho Chi Omega Chapter. To the best of the Angel Pageant Committee's knowledge, the judges are not relatives of members of Rho Chi Omega Chapter nor the participants.

Souvenir Journal

All participants will be photographed and will be featured in the souvenir journal. Angels are encouraged to sell ads for the souvenir journal. If supporters (family, friends, businesses, etc.) wish to purchase an ad in the souvenir journal to congratulate a special participant, the following ad sizes are available:

“Hot Pink” Full Page-one photo	\$ 150.00, <i>includes a souvenir journal</i>
Full Page - one photo	\$ 125.00, <i>includes a souvenir journal</i>
Half (1/2) Page with one photo	\$ 70.00
Half (1/2) Page	\$ 65.00
Fourth (1/4) Page (no photo)	\$ 45.00
Well Wishers (one line)	\$ 25.00
(Example - “God bless, Love Grandmother Pearl”)	

One photograph can be placed on full-page ads and “Hot Pink” full-page ads at no additional cost.

Each Angel will receive a complimentary souvenir journal CD. Additional souvenir journal CDs may be pre-ordered for \$10.00 each.

Each Angel that sells \$100 or more in ads, will receive a complimentary copy of the souvenir journal and a journal for each full-page ad and “Hot Pink” full-page ad purchased. All monies collected for ads and souvenir journal CDs are **non-refundable**.

Photographs

The sorority has made arrangements with a photographer to make photos for the souvenir journal. The photos for the souvenir journal are complimentary of the sorority.

Admission Fees for the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza

Each Angel will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza. Admission for family and friends is as follows:

General Admission:	\$10.00 per person	\$8.00 in advance
Youth (age 6-17)	\$5.00 per person	
Children (age 5 and under)	Free	

Admission Fees for the Angel Pageant

Each Angel will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Angel Pageant. Admission for family and friends is as follows:

General Admission:	\$10.00 per person	\$8.00 in advance
Youth (age 6-17)	\$5.00 per person	
Children (age 5 and under)	Free	

Advance ticket monies are **non-refundable**.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event and Location</u>
Sunday, January 26 3:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting and Registration Grady Madison AME Church 129 Gooch Lane Madison, AL 35758
Saturday, February 1 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	Online and On-site Registration Deadline Online: https://www.aka-rco.org/angel-pageant Onsite: Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805
Friday, February 7 Arrive 6:00 p.m. Group Photo: 6:10 p.m. Be seated together: 6:20 p.m. Play begins 7:00 p.m.	“Mommy and Me Weekend” “An Evening Celebrating the Arts: The Lion King Play” Bob Jones High School Auditorium 650 Hughes Rd Madison, AL 3758
Saturday, February 8 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Attire: Casual February is Heart Awareness Month Healthy Heart Discussion Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805 “Angels: Respect Each Other and Be Safe” Human Trafficking, Kid Safety Techniques & The Do’s and Don’ts of Social Media “Making Memories with Mommy” Session focused on the Arts
	Attire: Red shirts (no jeans)

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<p>Saturday, February 22 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Personal Enrichment Workshop I: “Angels: Focusing on the Future with 2020 Vision” Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Photo Session • Deadline to submit the Father and Daughter Tea Invitation Form • Deadline to submit Fashion and Talent Extravaganza Forms <p>Attire: Casual (no jeans)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 8 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Father and Daughter Tea Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 10 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Curtsy, Dance, and Fashion and Talent Practice (Angels only) Eagles Nest Ministries Church 6831 Hollow Road Huntsville, AL 35810</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Personal Enrichment Workshop II: “Angels: Investing in Ourselves as We Excel Academically Through STEM and Displaying Proper Social Graces” Calhoun Community College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up Photo Session • Community Service Project: Donate Shoes and Eyeglasses • First Deadline to submit Ads for Souvenir Journal (Halo Award) • Deadline to submit digital color or black and white photograph for the Most Photogenic Award (optional award) • Deadline to submit Pre-Order forms for Journal • Deadline to submit Advance Tickets Order Forms <p>Attire: Angel Pageant T-Shirt, single pearl necklace and pearl earrings. No jeans.</p>

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<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event and Location</u>
Thursday, March 19 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p>Curtsy, Dance and Fashion and Talent Practice (Angels and Mothers/Female-guardian)</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p> <p>Eagles Nest Ministries Church 6831 Hollow Road Huntsville, AL 35810</p>
Saturday, March 21 3:00 p.m.	<p>Fashion and Talent Extravaganza</p> <p>Lee High School 2500 Meridian Street Huntsville, AL 35811</p> <p>Angel's arrival time is 2:00 p.m.</p>
Tuesday, April 7 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p>Curtsy, Dance and Pageantry Training (Angels only)</p> <p>Monrovia Community Center 254 Allen Drake Drive Huntsville, AL 35806</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p>
Thursday, April 9 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p>Curtsy, Dance and Pageantry Training (Angels only) Monrovia Community Center</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p>
Tuesday, April 14 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p>Curtsy, Dance and Pageantry Training (Angels only) Monrovia Community Center</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p>
Thursday, April 16 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p>Curtsy, Dance and Pageantry Training (Angels and Fathers/Father-Figures only) Monrovia Community Center</p> <p>Attire: Casual (Jeans allowed and sneakers only)</p>
Saturday, April 18 4:00 p.m.	<p>30th Angel Pageant Lee High School 2500 Meridian Street Huntsville, AL 35811</p> <p>Angel's arrival time is 3:00 p.m.</p>

Angel Pageant Motto

Theme: These Girls Are on FIRE!

All:

We are Angels celebrating a 30 Year Legacy as we . . .

Cherubim:

Focus on the Future

Guardian:

Invest In Ourselves

Arch:

Respect each other, and Excel Academically

All:

We Are Girls on FIRE!!

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