



33rd Annual



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 2023 Angel Pageant. We are honored that you have allowed your angel to join us as we celebrate our 33rd Angel Pageant season. This year's theme is "Ignite the Fire Within and SOAR."

Excitement is in the air as we have diligently planned and prepared for this year's events! This is an awesome opportunity for your angel to meet new friends while refining her personal and interactive skills through personal enrichment workshops, social and community service activities, the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza, the Father and Daughter Tea, Mommy and Me activity, and pageantry training. These activities are designed to encourage positive self-esteem 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 assure you that you are in for a treat! With your support, we will continue the legacy of providing service and scholarships to our local community.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Simpson at 678-907-6496 or email us at angelpageant@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you and your angel to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Andrea Simpson

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Eligibility and Requirements

Cherubim Angel (Baby Angel)

Age: 4 years (*before March 25th*) - 1st grade

Attire for Angel Pageant (May 21, 2023):

Formal white pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Guardian Angel (Elementary School)

Grades: 2nd - 4th

Attire for Angel Pageant (May 21, 2023):

Formal pastel pink pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Arch Angel (Middle School)

Grades: 5th - 8th

Attire for Angel Pageant (May 21, 2023):

Formal pastel green pageant dress

Dress shoes (matching color preferred but not required)

Attire for Photo Shoot (March 25, 2023) for all groups:

Drape (provided by the sorority)

Pearl stud earrings

Pearl necklace

Registration Fee

The registration fee covers all program activities. The cost is **\$125.00 per Angel**. The registration fee is **non-refundable**.

Refund Policy

All fees paid to Rho Chi Omega Chapter are non-refundable in full or in part under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to registration fees, advertising fees, and pageant admission ticket sales 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 strives to promote positive participant conduct in conjunction with the site/workshop rules 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, presenters and 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 contacted due to 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 a STEM activity, etiquette, leadership, creativity, community service, financial literacy, mental health awareness 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. After each workshop or activity, the Angel will take the book home and write about her experience. At the beginning of each workshop, the books will be returned to members of the sorority to read and make positive comments. This is one way of enhancing the Angels’ communication and writing skills. The memory books will be displayed during the Pageant Finale.

Mommy and Me

This program allows the “Angels” to spend special time with their mother or female guardian; strengthening the bond that only mothers and daughters share. This “Mommy and Me” time will include special bonding activities that the Angel and her She-ro will cherish forever.

Fashion and Talent Extravaganza

This program allows the “Angels” to dazzle their parents, friends and relatives with fashion and talent. This is a great time to show off your own style and personality. The Guardian and Arch Angels **must** present an individual talent for the extravaganza. The talent is **optional** for the Cherubim Angels. **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. **Once the participant has left the stage, including prior to the three (3) minutes ending, the angel will not be allowed to enter stage again.**

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 Church dress (no pants), hat and gloves (optional). The attire for the father/father-figure is a suit and tie.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPPTM)

The CHIPPTM (Child Hunger Initiative Power Pack) initiative seeks to eradicate hunger among students who may experience food insecurities during the time that school is not in session. It is targeted to be Alpha Kappa Alpha's most ambitious childhood hunger program to date. Childhood hunger is a growing issue, as one in three African American children live in food-insecure households.

In support of Alpha Kappa Alpha's CHIPPTM initiative, the Angels are asked to bring at least one (1) box of individually packaged items from each category (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) from the list below by April 15, 2023.

*All items must be non-refrigerated and require only water when making a meal.

Breakfast

Full Box or Single Instant Oatmeal
Granola Bars Cereal Bars
Individually Wrapped Muffins
Shelf Stable Milk
Juice Boxes

Lunch

Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Pouches or Cups of Instant Rice
Canned and/or Boxed Pasta Canned Soups
Canned Chili
Canned Meats (such as tuna, chicken, etc.)
Canned or Individual Cups of Vegetables

Snacks

Individual Packaged Fruit Cups and Fruit Snacks
Individual Applesauce Cups
Individual Packaged Crackers (such as animal crackers, graham crackers, etc.)
Meat Snacks (such as pepperoni, beef jerky, turkey jerky)
Bags of Pretzels, Popcorn or other snacks

Angels are asked to bring items on Saturday, April 15, 2023. The Chapter has chosen Oak Park Elementary School in Decatur to receive the power packs.

Community and Home Gardens

The Turner-Surles Community Center (located in Decatur, Alabama) is home to one of North Central Alabama Regional Council of Government's (NARCOG) Senior Centers. Seniors gather for activities, fellowship, and lunch each day. The center attempted to start five (5) raised garden beds in 2020, but they were unsuccessful due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The chapter has adopted the Senior Center and will help with the initiation and maintenance of their raised garden beds. The Mommy and Me event will be a joint effort with the chapter members to plant the raised garden beds on April 1, 2023, at Calhoun Community College's Wynn Drive location. The plants will be transplanted by the chapter into the Turner-Surles Community Center's garden later in the month.

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 1. 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:

This special award will be presented the night of the pageant to the “Angel” that exhibits congeniality throughout the planned activities. To be eligible for this award the angel must have attended and participated in all personal enrichment workshops, the 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. Johnathan (Norma) Reeves, and a plaque from the chapter.

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 categories: creativity, presentation, appearance, and originality. Each category is worth a maximum of ten (10) points. Two points will automatically be deducted if talent is longer than three (3) minutes. First, second, and third place winners for each category will be announced at the Angel Pageant, May 21, 2023. Each winner per category will be presented a trophy. The decision of the judges is final.

Most Photogenic (Optional Award):

Participants in this category should email a high-resolution headshot 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. Professional photographs or personal snapshots are acceptable.

If email is not possible a printed photograph between the size of 3x5 and 8.5x11 may be submitted. The name and category should be identified on the back of the photograph. No framed photographs. Clear plastic protective sleeves are encouraged. Pictures may be in color or black and white. No excessive touching. **Photo must be submitted or emailed by the last workshop.**

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 category is worth a maximum of ten (10) points. Each participant is judged on her individual presentation. A winner and two runners-up 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, current events, or societal issues of concern. 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 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:

Full Page with photo	\$125.00
Half (1/2) Page with photo	\$70.00
Half (1/2) Page (no photo)	\$65.00
Half (1/2) Page Digital Ad*	\$50.00
Fourth (1/4) Page (no photo)	\$45.00
Well Wishers (one line)	\$25.00
(Example - "Good Luck! Love, Gi-Gi Pearl")	

* We request submission of ads (landscape) electronically as a high resolution .jpg or .gif file. Please email the file to cheryljohnson05@comcast.net by the deadline.

Each Angel who sells \$150 or more in ads, will receive a complimentary copy of the souvenir journal. A limited number of journals will be sold the night of the pageant for \$20.00 per book. Souvenir journals may be pre-ordered before the pageant for \$10.00 per book.

The deadline for pre-orders is April 15, 2023. An electronic copy of the souvenir journal will be available at no cost. All monies collected for ads and souvenir books are **non-refundable**.

Photographs

Neville Simpson Photography will provide photos for the souvenir journal. The photo session will be at the first workshop on March 25, 2023. The souvenir journal photo session is complimentary of the sorority. Make-up photos must be arranged with the photographer at his studio. Additional photo packages will be available for sale through the photographer.

Pricing for additional photos will be made available at the photo shoot.

Entrance 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 at workshop 1
Youth (age 6-17)	\$5.00 per person	
Children (age 5 and under)	Free	

Entrance 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 at workshop 2
Youth (age 6-17)	\$5.00 per person	
Children (age 5 and under)	Free	

The Fashion and Talent Extravaganza advance tickets will be distributed on April 16, 2023, at the Father and Daughter Tea. The Angel Pageant advance tickets will be distributed on April 30, 2023, at the Fashion and Talent Extravaganza.

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

Calendar of Events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event and Location</u>
Sunday, March 5th 3:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting and Registration Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive Huntsville, AL 35805
Saturday, March 11th 3:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting and Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Registration <p>To receive the Zoom link, please register at www.aka-rco.org/upcoming-events</p>
Saturday, March 25th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Personal Enrichment Workshop I Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steam Activity - Boeing Company 2. Mental Health Session 3. Practice: Dance and Curtsy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Photo Session • Deadline to submit the Father and Daughter Tea Invitation form • Submit Ads for Souvenir Booklet
Saturday, April 1st 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	“Mommy and Me” Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 <i>Vegetable Garden Making</i> Community Service Project Donate items to CHIPP™ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-up Photo Session - Schedule time at studio on your own

<p>Saturday, April 15th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Personal Enrichment Workshop II</p> <p align="center">Calhoun Community College 102 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Literacy Session 2. Etiquette Class 3. Practice: Dance & Curtsy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to submit electronic or printed color or black and white photograph for the Most Photogenic (optional award). • Deadline to submit Ads for Souvenir Booklet • Deadline to submit Pre-order forms for Souvenir Booklet • Deadline to submit Advance Tickets Order forms
<p>Sunday, April 16th 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Father and Daughter Tea</p> <p align="center">Calhoun Community College 6250 US-31 Tanner, AL 35671</p>
<p align="center">April 25th and April 27th</p>	<p align="center">Curtsy and Dance Practice Location and time - TBD</p>
<p>Sunday, April 30th 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">Fashion and Talent Extravaganza</p> <p align="center">Calhoun Community College 6250 US-31 Tanner, AL 35671</p> <p align="center">Angel's arrival time is 2:00 p.m.</p> <p align="center">Deadline to submit Memory Book for public display at the Angel Pageant.</p>
<p align="center">May 17th and May 18th</p>	<p align="center">Curtsy and Dance Practice Location and time – TBD</p>

<p>Sunday, May 21st 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Angel Pageant</p> <p>Calhoun Community College 6250 US-31 Tanner, AL 35671</p> <p>Angel's and Gabriel's Court arrival time is 2:30 p.m.</p>
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Angel Pageant Motto

*All: I am an Angel
I will be of **S**ervice to all mankind.*

***Cherubim:** I will be **O**ptimistic and **O**riginal.*

***Guardian:** I will Attain the goals I have set for my life.*

***Arch:** I will **R**ecognize the good in everyone.*

*All: I am Sensible,
Outgoing
Astonishing
I am Relevant.*

*All: I am a 2023 Angel, and I **WILL SOAR** to greater heights!*

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