

# Leadership Mentoring Opportunities Foundation

## "DIVINE 9 STEPS"

### Step Show

#### I. APPLICATION INFORMATION

- A. Step Show applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Early-bird registration for graduate step teams is \$200.00 and is due by Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Late registration is a cost of \$250.00 and must be delivered **no later than *Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.***
- B. The registration cost for undergraduate teams is \$100.00 and must be submitted no later than ***April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019*** per step team.
- C. The acceptable forms of payment include all major credit cards, cashier's check, money orders, and chapter checks. Please make checks payable to LMO Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 437167, Chicago, Illinois, 60643.
- D. After your completed application and payment has been received, we will contact you by email and/or phone to verify your registration.
- E. All teams are required to sell 25 step show tickets at the general admission cost of \$20 each. **\*\*\*Tickets are \$20.00 per person and \$25.00 at the door\*\***

#### II. APPLICATION INFORMATION

- A. Check-in time begins at 5:00 p.m. sharp. Each team will be assigned a specific check-in time prior to the day. Every team must check-in or they will not be allowed to perform.
- B. You will receive a confirmation letter via email. Each team will be given a specific time for a walk-through and sound check. Each team will have no more than 5 minutes for their walkthrough. **BE SURE YOUR STEPMASTER OR REPRESENTATIVE'S EMAIL & TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE CURRENT.** The Step team contact person will be notified of the check-in time during the official meeting with show coordinators.
- C. Every performer is required to have their name on the list of performers to

enter the Jacoby Dickens Center building.

D. Non-participants must have tickets when/ doors open at 6:00 p.m.

### **III. PERFORMANCE RULES and REGULATIONS**

- A. All performances are at a maximum of 8 minutes. In the event that the performance goes over the 8-minute mark, the step team will be penalized 2 points off the total score for every minute over the 8-minute time limit.
- The same penalty applies to routines less than 6 minutes.
  - In the event that the performance is under 6 minutes, 2 points will be deducted off the total score for every minute under the 6-minute minimum requirement.
  - There will be an official time-keeper to ensure compliance with this rule.
- B. The maximum number of performers per organization is 20 members. This is inclusive of up to 5 additional people in the isles or on stage during the performance time, identified in the application, as prop personnel. Teams may not exceed the limited 15 steppers. Team entries may not combine classifications.
- C. All teams must be in the appointed place and ready to perform 15 minutes prior to the start of their performance. Failure to be ready at your designated start time can result in a 20-point deduction from final score.
- D. Each team is responsible for cleaning up the dressing room after its use.
- E. Performances that contain indecent or obscene use of prop and or costumes, sexually explicit language, profanity, verbal attacks on any organization can/or will lead to disqualification. Judges for the step show reserves the right to refuse to judge any team.
- F. No videos and pyrotechnics are allowed. No liquids/bubbles. No props that resemble any type of firearm will be permitted. No motor vehicles of any type are permitted in the Jacoby Dickens Center building.
- G. All music/voice overs must be recorded on compact disk (CD) / flash drive and labeled with the organization and chapter name. The CD must be provided to the step show committee during the walkthrough.

\*\*\*\*\**All Rules are Subject to Change*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **IV. STEPPING CRITERIAS and SCORING DISTRIBUTION**

<b>Theme</b>	10 Points
<b>Creativity</b> -Qualitative motion behind any given act of creation	10 Points
<b>Complexity</b> -The degree of difficulty for steps	10 Points
<b>Appearance</b> -Costumes and theme perception must be visible	10 Points
<b>Crowd Enthusiasm</b> -Crowd reaction to a positive performance	10 Points
<b>Vocal Clarity</b> -Words are clear, concise and loud	10 Points
<b>Synchronization/Precision</b> -Precise rhythmic syncopation of beats as well as sharpness of motion	10 Points
<b>Showmanship</b> -Positive spirit of fraternal competition	10 Points
<b>Overall Performance</b>	20 Points

**The total points distributed shall equal 100 points**

**Multiple Point Deduction** – Deductions in increments of 2 points are possible at each judge’s discretion. If in violation **of III. E section:**

1. Use of obscene gestures or language
2. Ridiculing of other organizations

- “Dissing” in the form of using other organizations letters, hand signs, calls, or profanity will not be tolerated.
- 3. Exceeding the 8-minute time limit.
- 4. Performing under the 6-minute time minimum.

**Use of non-allowed or unauthorized props can lead to automatic disqualification.**

## **V. Prizes**

A. There will be four divisions

1. NPHC Sororities Graduate
2. NPHC Fraternities Graduate
3. NPHC Sororities Undergraduate
4. NPHC Fraternities Undergraduate

B. First place winner in each division will be awarded a trophy. In the event there are less than 3 teams, in each division, there will only be one winner selected, which will be first place.

C. Runner up in each division will be awarded a trophy. In the event there are less than 3 teams, in each division, there will only be one winner which will be first place.

D. The Grand prize winner for the graduate level step teams will be awarded a cash prize of \$1,000. The Grand Prize winner for the undergraduate level step teams will be awarded a cash prize of \$500. The awards will be distributed in the categories as follows:

### Graduate

- Sorority and Fraternity (separate categories)  
First Place -Trophy  
Runner Up -Trophy
- **Graduate Level Grand Prize - \$1,000 and Trophy**

### Undergraduate

- Sorority and Fraternity (separate categories)  
First Place -Trophy  
Runner Up -Trophy
- **Undergraduate Level Grand Prize - \$500 and Trophy**

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