

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC

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IOTA NU UPLIFT FOUNDATION



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Dear Student,

The Iota Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated will be awarding a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who resides in Harford or Cecil County. The winning candidate will then be forwarded to Omega Psi Phi's International Headquarters for consideration of additional scholarship awards ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. This scholarship will recognize the students writing ability. The criteria is:

Essay Contest:

1. Graduating senior.
2. Original essay that has neither been previously published nor secured by copyright
3. Essay Topic:

Learning about politics and life as a citizen is part of the transition to adulthood. During this stage young people are introduced to political processes and issues, as well as a range of political activities including voting and participation in social movements. "Against the backdrop of the global "Black Lives Matter" movement, why is it even more important for young people to become and remain politically engaged?"

4. Essay between 700-750 words in length
5. Candidate must submit the type-written, double spaced essay **hard copy via postal service or email in Microsoft Word**
6. Cover Letter and formatted as stated on essay application.
7. Manuscript must be postmarked or time stamped no later than midnight by **16 October, 2020** and mailed or emailed to:

Iota Nu Chapter
P.O. Box 373 or
APG, MD 21005

Lholley577@gmail.com
ATTN: International High School Essay Contest

An application can be obtained from the high school guidance counselor, Iota Nu website www.ques-iotanu.org, or from the undersigned. All information must be postmark by **20 October 2020** and mailed to the address listed above.

Please direct your questions to the undersigned email, Lholley577@gmail.com or telephone (410)-937-8725.

Sincerely,
Lamark Holley
Scholarship Chairman



2020 - 2021 International Achievement Week Observance
Theme: "Omega Men Ushering in Social Change"

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Announcement of our Annual

International High School Essay Contest

As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

November 15 - 21, 2020

Awards: Four College Scholarships

1st Scholarship: \$5,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$3,000; 3rd Scholarship: \$2,000; 4th Scholarship: \$1,000

Eligibility: The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity

Contest Closes: October 16, 2020

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

"Against the backdrop of the global "Black Lives Matter" movement, why is it even more important for young people to become and remain politically engaged?"

The essay must be **original** and neither previously published nor secured by copyright.

The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

The type-written, double-spaced essay may be submitted via postal service or email in Microsoft Word

The following information for the contestant must appear on the first page in this manner:

Title:

An Essay By:

Home Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Name of High School:

Address of High School:

Contest Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International High School Essay Contest

Name of Chapter Sponsoring Project:

Location of Chapter:

The manuscript must be postmarked or time stamped on the email not later than midnight, **October 16, 2020**, and **sent to Iota Nu Chapter, Omega Psi Phi P.O. Box 373, APG, MD 21005. Essays are not to be sent to the Fraternity's Headquarters facility.**

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them. Awards will be announced on or about **June 1, 2018**, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. Winners may be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essay was submitted. Awards will be submitted to each winner, **upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required.** Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date to be valid.

RATING CRITERIA FOR ESSAYS

- 1. Development of Topic/Thesis:** (30 possible pts.) Topic well developed (covers and develops major points, supplying enough information for understanding)
- 2. Progression:** (20 possible pts.) Composition progresses from beginning to end in a logical flow of information
- 3. Readability:** (25 possible pts.) Concise prose that sticks to the point and does not ramble (holds reader's attention)
- 4. Grammar:** (15 possible pts.) Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; paragraphing, including transitional phrases linking same
- 5. Spelling:** (5 possible pts.)
- 6. Punctuation:** (5 possible pts.)