



2017 - 2018 International Achievement Week Project

Theme: "When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer"

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Announcement of the Annual

International High School Essay Contest

As a phase of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

November 15 - 21, 2017

National Awards: Four College Scholarships

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

***Local Awards:** Three Book Scholarships—1st place (\$750), 2nd place (\$500), and 3rd place (\$300) *Based upon funds.

Eligibility: The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who are Utah residents

Contest Closes October 20, 2017

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

"What Actions Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity of All People?"

The essay must be **original** neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

One type-written, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced copy must be submitted via email in .doc or .pdf format.

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: **Iota Iota Iota Chapter** Location of Chapter: **Salt Lake City, UT**

The manuscript must be date-time stamped on the email no later than midnight, October 20, 2017, and **emailed to** **SaltLakeCityQues@gmail.com.**

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. **National Awards** will be announced on or about **June 1, 2018, and the decision of the judges will be final.** **Local Awards** will be announced by November 3, 2017, **decision of the judges will be final.** The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. Winners will be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essays were submitted. Awards will be submitted to each winner, **upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled and after the last date to withdraw from classes. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required.** Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date to be valid. The winner is required to attend the local Achievement Awards ceremony and recite, from memory, their essay. **Additional rules apply, go to www.Ques-TriIota.org for details.**

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.)