

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is pleased to announce its annual International High School Essay Contest As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

**Four College Scholarship Awards:**

**International Awards**

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

**Local Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship: \$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship \$125; 3<sup>rd</sup> Scholarship \$75; 4<sup>th</sup> Scholarship \$50

**Contest Closes: October 20, 2023**

**2023 Essay Title**

With Politics gaining the bulk of discussion, what can the younger generation do to ensure that elected leaders understand the impact of gaining their vote?

**Eligibility & Rules Submission Process:**

The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity. 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.** All submissions will be reviewed by Psi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.). **Submissions will not be accepted after October 20, 2023. Do not change or shorten the Essay Topic.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Sponsoring Chapter: Psi Omega; Location of Chapter: Augusta GA.

The manuscript must be postmarked, or time stamped on the email not later than midnight, October 20, 2023, and sent to **Essay@psiomegaques.com**.

**Essays are not to be sent to the Fraternity's headquarters facility and any received there will be considered ineligible.**

### **Rating Criteria**

Psi Omega Chapter will assemble a review panel to assess submitted essays based on the following criteria. Essays may earn a maximum rating of 100 points.

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

### **Additional Information**

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, 2024, 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 in. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required. Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date to be valid.

### **Local Chapter Contact**

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