



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter
P.O. BOX 1079
GROVETOWN, GA 30813



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To: Aspiring Students & High School Counselors
From: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

Subject: 2025 Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter Scholarship Essay Contest

2025 Essay Topic: "What positive and negative effects does social media have on people's mental health?"

Dear Student/Guidance Counselor,

The Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is pleased to invite you to be a part of the Brigadier General Charles Young High School Scholarship Essay Program. Upsilon Gamma Gamma is a military chapter located on Fort Eisenhower, Georgia and thus honors one of America's outstanding military officers annually by awarding scholarships in the name of Brigadier General Charles Young. Brigadier General Young was the third African American male to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His legacy is resiliency through determination, and success in the face of bigotry and racism. He rose through the trials of his time to become a successful officer, father, and husband. In honor of his steadfast determination and willingness to uplift others. The Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter prides itself on assisting college bound financially challenged seniors through the annual Brigadier General Charles Young Scholarship program.

The Upsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter is committed to awarding scholarships to outstanding students like you who have demonstrated interest in attending college after high school. This application is designed to collect academic and personal information for the review committee. Your responses to the questions and essay submittal will be a decisive factor in the selection process. **The application deadline for the receipt of all materials is April 14, 2025. Applications can be physically mailed to P.O. Box 1079 Grovetown, Ga. 30813 or emailed to uggbgyoungscholarship@gmail.com.** It is your responsibility to make sure that all information is postmarked by that date. All winners will be notified by **May 15, 2025**. If you are selected as a scholarship winner, you will be expected to confirm your final enrollment plans and begin full-time study in the **fall of 2025** before receiving the scholarship award. **A letter from the registrar office is required to be mailed to the chapter's address listed below.**

We welcome your application to this exciting and wonderful opportunity and look forward to adding your name to the roster of Upsilon Gamma Gamma scholarship recipients. We wish you the best.



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It is our intent to recognize the scholarship recipient at your annual senior award's program in the spring. The actual monetary award will be conferred upon the winner once written proof of their enrollment in college is received. Please have students mail completed scholarship packets to:

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30813**

Packets must be received no later than April 14, 2025.

Essay Topic: "What positive and negative effects does social media have on people's mental health?"

- An official copy of their high school transcript with the official seal.
- A copy of SAT/ACT scores.
- A one-page biography with a photo (preferably in color).
- A completed scholarship application (enclosed).
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A 700-750-word typewritten essay.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor. The chapter looks forward to working with you to make this effort a rewarding experience for your students and the chapter's members. I can be reached by cell at **(706) 829-2940** and by email at **mrDEXTERNALSON@icloud.com**.

In Friendship,

DEXTER A. NELSON
Scholarship Chairman
Upsilon Gamma Gamma

COREY M. TOWNS
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Upsilon Gamma Gamma

Enclosures:

- 1 - Essay Cover Sheet
- 2 - Scholarship Application
- 3 - Application Checklist
- 4 - Essay Evaluation Criteria
- 5 - Recommendation Form



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GENERAL CHARLES YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Essay Title _____

Submitted By _____

Home address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

High School name _____

High School address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

School Telephone Number _____



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BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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I. Applicant Information

Name _____

Home Address (include phone numbers and email addresses)

High School Attending _____
(City and State)

Extracurricular activities participated in

Leadership positions held

Community Service activities/organizations you have participated in

College(s) you plan to attend/Intended Major



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FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father/Legal Guardian Name _____

Mother/Legal Guardian Name _____

Distinctions/Honors/Scholarship awards? (Please attach a list if necessary)

II. Essay

Directions: The applicant will compose a 700-750-word double-spaced essay on the topic, **“What positive and negative effects does social media have on people's mental health?”**

In accordance with the privacy act as related to the release of school records, I hereby authorize the officials of my high schools to release a copy of my academic record to the scholarship committee of Upsilon Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. I certify that all information provided above is true. I realize that if this information is found to be false, I may be disqualified from the scholarship competition.

Student's signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's signature _____



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GENERAL CHARLES YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Each applicant must ensure they include the following items in the application packet. **The completed packets must be mailed and received no later than April 14, 2025 to:**

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_____ **Student Biography and Picture:** The applicants must enclose a brief autobiography including a statement of future goals, the plan to achieve the future goals and a description of community service activities the applicant actively performs. The committee prefers a color photo; however, any type of photo will fulfill the requirement.

_____ **Essay:** The student will enclose a 700-750-word double-spaced essay on the topic **“What positive and negative effects does social media have on people's mental health?”**

Use and cite your sources. The applicant must ensure that the cover sheet is stapled to the front of the essay.

_____ A copy of the applicant's high school transcript with the school's official seal.

_____ A copy of the applicant's SAT/ACT score. If taken.

_____ A minimum of **Three** and no more than **Five** letters of recommendation.

_____ The completed scholarship application packet.



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ESSAY EVALUATION CRITERIA

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**, the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing right to them. Awards will be announced on or about **April 14, 2025**, and the decisions 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 (College/University) that the individual has enrolled. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required. Letters should be mailed from the registrar office to the chapter address above.**

Awards must be claimed within 12 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.)



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
Part I – Applicant’s Information



Instructions to the applicant: Complete Part I of this form and give a copy to each person who is going to write a recommendation for you.

Applicant Name: _____

High School attending: _____

SAT/ACT score: _____

Part II – Recommendation

Instructions to the recommender: Please complete and return this form to the applicant as soon as possible for inclusion with the applicant’s scholarship packet.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Rate the applicant in the following areas using the following scale.
 [1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Average, 4 = Excellent, 5 = outstanding]

Academic Performance	
Leadership Skills	
Communication Skills	
Community Involvement	
Character	

Please provide a brief narrative about the applicant (additional pages can be attached if required)

Signature _____ Date _____

Position/Title _____