



2020 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**

**Local Contest:** Two \$750 (minimum) College Scholarships

**Two Local Winners Advance to District Level Contest:** \$1,000 Scholarship to winner

**District Level Winner Advances to International Contest:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$3,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$2,000; 4<sup>th</sup> Place: \$1,000

**Eligibility:** The Contest is open to all African American college-bound, high school seniors with a 2.75 GPA.

**Contest Closes: December 4, 2020**

**RULES**

The essay must be entitled:

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?"

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 document.**

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

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of Chapter Sponsoring Project: Gamma Theta & Theta Alpha Alpha Location of Chapter: Bowling Green, KY**

The manuscript must be postmarked or time stamped on the email not later than midnight, **December 4, 2020**, and sent to **the Gamma Theta & Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter.**

**Local Chapter Address: P.O. Box 51233 Bowling Green, KY 42102**

**Local Chapter Email: ThetaAlphaAlphaQues@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. Awards will be announced on or about **January 3, 2021**, 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 will be disbursed July 31, 2021 once enrollment is verified.**

**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.)

# Applicant Questionnaire

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Academic Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Top 3 Potential Colleges/Universities: \_\_\_\_\_

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