



2017 - 2018 International Achievement Week Observance

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

The 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, 2017

Local Award: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$300, and 3rd - \$200

Two tickets to attend the Annual Achievement Week Banquet on November 18th

Local winner competes for District awards and District winner competes for International awards

International Awards: Four College Scholarships

1st Scholarship, \$5000; 2nd Scholarship, \$3,000; 3rd Scholarship, \$2,000; 4th Scholarship, \$1,000.00

Eligibility: The Contest is Open to all College-bound, High School Seniors.

Contest Closes October 6, 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.

The typewritten, double-spaced copies must be submitted via email in .doc (preferred) or .pdf format.

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

Title: _____
An Essay By: _____ Phone Number _____
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: Theta Omega
Location of Chapter: Louisville, Kentucky

*The manuscript must be emailed no later than midnight, **October 6th** to kirk.lattimore@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 right to them. Awards will be announced on or about **July 1, 2018**, 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 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.)