2018 - 2019 International Achievement Week Observance
Theme: “Omega Men: Effecting Positive Change in Communities Worldwide"

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 11 - 17, 2018

Local Award: 1st - $500, 2nd - $300, and 3rd - $200
Two tickets to attend the Annual Achievement Week Banquet on November 17th

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 12, 2018

RULES
The essay must be entitled:
“How has social media impacted today’s youth and what influence does it have on their future?”
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 Microsoft Word.
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 12th 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 June 1, 2019, 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.)