



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International High School Essay Contest

As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

November 4 - 12, 2017

Awards: Four College Scholarships (\$500 each)

One of the four local winners will be selected to represent the chapter in the Fraternity's International Essay Competition

International Awards: Four College Scholarships

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

Eligibility: Open to all college-bound, high school seniors living in Clay, St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler counties

Contest Closes: October 14, 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 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 (treasurer@omegahopeinc.com) in Microsoft Word

The following information for the contestant must appear on the first page:

An Essay By: _____ 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: IOTA MU NU Location of Chapter: ST JOHNS, FL

The manuscript must be postmarked or emailed to treasurer@omegahopeinc.com no later than midnight, **October 14, 2017**. If mailing, please send essays to: **Omega Hope, Inc., PO 600724, Saint Johns, FL 32260**

Local award winners will be announced on or about **October 21, 2017**. International winners will be announced on or about June 1, 2018. Local winners will be recognized at the Achievement Week Luncheon on Saturday, November 11th, 2017.

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 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.)