



2012 - 2013 International Achievement Week Project

Theme: "Our Omega Commitment: A Look at the Past with an Eye on the Future."

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Announcement of the Annual

International High School Essay Contest

As a phase of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

November 11 - 18, 2012

Awards: Four College Scholarships

1st Scholarship: \$3,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$2,000; 3rd Scholarship: \$1,000; 4th Scholarship: \$500

Eligibility: The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors

Contest Closes November 1, 2012.

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

"With the Rising Cost for a College Education what Value Do You Place on Earning a College Degree?"

The essay must be **original** neither previously published nor secured by copyright.

The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

Three type-written, double-spaced copies must be submitted.

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: _____

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

Name Of Chapter Sponsoring Project: _____ Location of Chapter: _____

The manuscript must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 1, 2012, and **mailed to the LOCAL CHAPTER SPONSORING THE ESSAY CONTEST.**

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 **June 30, 2013**, and the **decision 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.)