



2019 - 2020 International Achievement Week Observance
Theme: "When the World Calls, Omega Men Answer"

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 - 18, 2019

Awards: Four College Scholarships

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

LOCAL AWARD: \$200 to winner selected by Psi Iota Iota Chapter (Requires min of 5 well-written essays)

Eligibility: The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through the PSI IOTA IOTA Chapter

Contest Closes: October 11, 2019

RULES

The 2019 essay must be entitled:

"The U.S. Census projects that the United States will become a majority-minority country by the year 2045. How can we combat, prevent and/or reduce prejudice, discrimination and violence in a new, more diverse America?"

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.

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: PSI IOTA IOTA

Location of Chapter: Shalimar, Florida

The manuscript must be postmarked or time stamped on the email not later than midnight, **October 11, 2020** and **sent to: PSI IOTA IOTA Chapter, PO Box 615, Shalimar, FL 32579**

Email: coachc14@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 **June 1, 2020**, 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 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.)