

2022 Essay Title:

A world crisis has caused a paradigm shift for health disparities and social justice; what are your suggestions for positive change?



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

is pleased to announce its annual

International High School Essay Contest

As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

Four College Scholarship Awards:

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

Contest Closes: October 21, 2022

Nu Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc will award a \$500.00 scholarship award to the local 2022 essay contest winner. The winning essay will be eligible to compete At the 8th District level in 2023 and potentially the international level.

Eligibility & Rules

The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity.

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 must be submitted via email in Microsoft Word.

Submission Process

All submissions will be reviewed by your local Chapter (determined by your high school/home address). Submissions will not be accepted after October 21, 2022. Do not change or shorten the Essay Topic.

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: _____

Student Email: _____ Phone # _____

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

Name of Sponsoring Chapter: Nu Rho Location of Chapter: Albuquerque, New Mexico

The manuscript must be time stamped on the email not later than midnight, October 21, 2022, and sent to omegaessayconest@gmail.com

Essays are not to be sent to the Fraternity's Headquarters facility and any received there will be considered ineligible

Rating Criteria

All local Chapters will assemble a review panel to assess submitted essays based on the following criteria. Essays may earn a maximum rating of 100 points.

1. Development of Topic/Thesis: (30 possible points)
Topic is well-developed (covers and develops major points, supplying enough information for understanding)
2. Progression: (20 possible points)
Composition progresses from beginning to end in a logical flow of information
3. Readability: (25 possible points)
Concise prose that sticks to the point and does not ramble (holds reader's attention)
4. Grammar: (15 possible points)
Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; paragraphing, including transitional phrases linking same
5. Spelling: (5 possible points)
6. Punctuation: (5 possible points)

Additional Information

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, 2023, 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.

Local Chapter Contact

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Want some advise on how to approach the essay? Submit your request to :
omegaessaycontest@gmail.com