



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
is pleased to announce its annual



2024 International High School Essay Contest

As an element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance, we invite high school seniors to participate in our annual High School Essay Scholarship contest.

Four College Scholarship Awards from International Head Quarters:

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

Omicron Omicron Chapter Scholarship Awards

1st Scholarship: \$500; 2nd Scholarship: \$300; 3rd Scholarship: \$150

Contest Closes: October 31, 2024

2024 Essay Title:

"What impact do you believe that Social Media is having On Mental Health and Why is it Important to Address this issue?"

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 may be submitted via postal service or email in Microsoft Word. **Use of assistance software and/or technology (i.e. AI) in creating this original work is strictly prohibited. The Committee will be using software to detect the usage of Artificial Intelligence to assist with the essay. If the content is found to be above a 40% threshold the essay will be disqualified.**

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 31, 2024. 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: **Omicron Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

Location of Chapter: **P.O. Box 9571, Daytona Beach, FL 32120**

If you are sending the essay by email or mail, it must be time stamped on the email or posted marked no later than midnight, **October 31, 2024**, and emailed to OmicronOmicron48@gmail.com to the attention of the Scholarship Committee.

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

By completing the included Essay Release Form, any 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 July 1, 2025, and the decision of the judges will be final. 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 released to each winner, upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled. A current college class schedule may be required to verify actual enrollment. Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date to be valid. Awards will not be processed without completion of the Media Release form. The Fraternity will publish winners, images on the International Website and social media Pages.

Local Chapter Contact

Local Chapter Name: **Omicron Omicron Chapter**

Contact Person: **Brother Jaron Williams**

Email: OmicronOmicron48@gmail.com

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc – Essay Release Form

I, the undersigned, as Parent or Guardian of _____(insert full name of essay applicant), declare that the Essay/Manuscript authored and submitted by him(her) to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for purposes of consideration in its International High School Essay Contest is an original work. I hereby grant to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity a non-exclusive right to publish said work for distribution to members and the public for the purposes of advertising or publicizing the contest and any winners. Distribution may include and not be limited to print, oral or web based, internet distribution.

I, further acknowledge that I have been apprised of the Fraternity's policy relating to its use of the Essays of participants at the time of application to the Essay Contest. The Essay Application document states:

Persons submitting manuscripts hereby grant to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. a non-exclusive right to keep essay manuscripts and to publish them for the purpose of advertising and publicizing the Essay Contest to members and the general public.

I hereby grant to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. an irrevocable, worldwide license to use, reproduce, distribute, or modify the article in its entirety or portions thereof. I also declare that if any parts of my child's submission are copyrighted, permission has been sought and received by us, or appropriate attribution has been made. I further agree that the name, likeness, and biographical material, including affiliations of the author, may be used in connection with, and promotion of, the essay/manuscript and/or the Essay Contest itself.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print):

Telephone:

Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

E-mail:

Parent/Guardian (Signature, Date):

Essay/Manuscript Author Name (Print):

Essay/Manuscript Author Name (Signature, Date):

Media Release and Consent Form

Student's Information:

Name:

Age:

Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Email Address:

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Phone (Cell, Home):

I hereby grant Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and [insert name of chapter or foundation] ("the Organization") permission to use my likeness in photographs, video recordings or electronic images in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Organization and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the Organization to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute these images for purposes of publicizing the organization's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

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I am 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name, or if I am under age 18, a parent or guardian has signed below. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

If the person signing is under age 18, we would ask that that person sign but there must also be the signed consent by a parent or guardian, below:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing release on behalf of this person.

(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)