

Manhood Scholarship Perseverance Uplift

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Psi Iota Chapter



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Attention High School Seniors:

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. offers an annual International High School Essay Contest and awards scholarship assistance in the form of monies awarded to eligible high school seniors who are selected during a competitive process at the chapter, district and international levels. The Essay Content is presented as a mandated element of the annual International Achievement Week Observance that the Fraternity hosts to commemorate its member, Bro. [Dr. Carter G. Woodson](#) (OMEGA Chapter).

In 1927, at the urging of Bro. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Fraternity made National Negro Achievement Week an annual observance. Today we recognize that week as [Black History Month](#), which is observed annually in February. Originally designed to promote the study of Negro life and history, the Fraternity's Achievement Week observance occurs annually in November -- the month the Fraternity was founded -- and it is designed to seek out and give due recognition to individuals at the local, district, and international levels who have made noteworthy contributions toward improving the quality of life for Black Americans. The 2023 observance period occurs November 12 through 18, 2023, which, as is customary spanned the Fraternity's Founders' Day which occurs annually on November 17.

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

Chapter Essay Contest winners may compete for a Second District scholarship award, and the Second District Essay Contest winner (1st Scholarship) may compete for and receive an International scholarship award to be awarded in 2024 following proof of college enrollment. The Fraternity's "Second District" is made up of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The scholarship awards for the 2024 essay contest candidates are:

Second District Scholarship Awards

1st Scholarship | \$1,000*

2nd Scholarship | \$500

3rd Scholarship | \$250

International Scholarship Awards**

1st Scholarship | \$5,000

2nd Scholarship | \$3,000

3rd Scholarship | \$2,000

4th Scholarship | \$1,000

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** Winner may compete for the International Scholarship Award*

***Must provide proof of college enrollment to receive scholarship award.*

2023-24 SUBMISSION DUE DATES

November 14, 2023 | Students' essay submissions are due to appropriate Chapter.

NOTE: Eligible high school students' essays MUST be submitted to a local chapter in the students' respective community or area. (e.g., an Undergraduate chapter in their area, or a Graduate chapter in their city, county or similar). Students should contact the respective Chapter directly for additional details.

November 21, 2023 | Chapters' winning essay submission is due to Achievement Week Committee.

We sincerely appreciate your unwavering commitment and dedication to the 2nd District Achievement Week Essay Contest. We eagerly await the submission of your essays and extend our best wishes to all participating students.

Sincerely,

Brother Omari Fennell, Achievement Week Chairman
Brother Charles Moore, Achievement Week Advisor

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