



## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Is pleased to announce its annual

### International High School Essay Contest

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Scholarship \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Scholarship \$250

Contest Closes: October 15, 2021

#### Eligibility and Rules

- The contest is open to all college-bound, high school Seniors who submit a completed essay application through the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- The essay must be an original and neither previously published nor secured by copyright,
- The text of the essay must be at least in size 12 font, on 8 ½' x 11" paper, and 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 student's current high school transcript and photo must be submitted along with the essay, and received through postal service or electronically time stamped not later than midnight, October 15, 2021.

#### Background

Promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship is an important way of creating new jobs and enhancing the labor market for the unemployed and other disadvantaged groups.

#### The Essay Title

In a post-covid environment, why is it essential that young people change their mindset towards self-employment?

#### Submission Process

The following information for the contestant must appear on the first (cover) page in this manner:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
An Essay by: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Address of high school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contest Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International High School Essay Contest  
Name of Sponsoring Chapter: Kappa Alpha Chapter Location: Rock Hill, SC

**\*Note: The manuscript must be received through postal service or time-stamped not later than midnight, October 15, 2021 to: Omegas of Rock Hill, PO Box 11165, Rock Hill, SC 29731 or omegasofrockhill.org**

**Rating Criteria**

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 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, 2022, 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 due date to be valid.

**Local Chapter contact**

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