



## 2010 - 2011 National Achievement Week Project

Theme: "Effective Political Action – using Style and Substance"

### **The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

Announcement of the Annual

### **National High School Essay Contest**

As a phase of the Annual National Achievement Week Observance

**November 14 - 21, 2010**

**National Awards:** Four College Scholarships

1st Scholarship, \$3000; 2nd Scholarship, \$2,000; 3rd Scholarship, \$1,000; 4th Scholarship, \$500.00

**Eligibility:** The Contest is Open to all College-bound, High School Seniors.

**Contest Closes November 1, 2010.**

#### **RULES**

**The essay must be entitled:**

**"What steps should we as Black Americans take to further our Political agenda?"**

The essay must be **original**, neither previously published nor secured by copyright.

The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

**Three typewritten, double-spaced copies must be submitted.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity National High School Essay Contest**

**Name of Chapter Sponsoring Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Location Of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_**

The manuscript must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 1, 2010 and **mailed to the LOCAL CHAPTER SPONSORING THE ESSAY CONTEST.**

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing right to them.

Awards will be announced on or about **July 31, 2011, and the decisions of the judges will be final.** The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic.

Winners will be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essays were 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.)