



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

“Unity through Friendship, Brotherhood and Fraternity”

2009-2010 National Achievement Week Project

Announcement of the Annual
National High School Essay Contest
As a phase of the Annual National Achievement Week Observance
November 16-22, 2009

Local Award: \$250.00

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 October 28, 2009.

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

**“How has President Obama Influenced your
Career Goals and Aspirations?”**

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: Tau Lambda Lambda Location Of Chapter: Waldorf, Md.

The manuscript must be postmarked no later than midnight, October 28, 2009 and **mailed to:**

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
National High School Essay Contest
c/o Joseph W. Parran
P.O. Box 1624
Waldorf, MD. 20604

- 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.
- The awards will be announced on **November 14, 2009**, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic.
- The 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 the 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.)