**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

**2021 International High School Essay Contest**

***Three Local Cash Prize Awards:***

***1st Place: $1,000; 2nd Place: $500; 3rd Place: $200***

***Contest Closes: October 15, 2021***

2020 Essay Title:

**2021 Essay Title**:

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

**ELIGIBILITY & RULES**: The contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application through a Chapter of the Fraternity in Maryland, District of Columbia, or Northern VA.

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 must be submitted via postal service to the chapter’s address or emailed to the chapter’s point of contact as an attachment in Microsoft Word.**

**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 15, 2021. **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 Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contest Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International High School Essay Contest

Name of Sponsoring Chapter: Lambda Gamma Gamma Location of Chapter: Clinton, MD

The manuscript must be postmarked, or time stamped on the email **NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, OCTOBER 15, 2021.** Mailing address and email points of contact are listed below.

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

**Lambda Gamma Gamma
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**About Achievement Week**

Achievement Week is observed by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity chapters worldwide in November of each year in celebration of our beloved fraternity’s founding.

Brother Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who would eventually come to be known as the Father of Black History, inspired the establishment of our fraternity’s National Achievement Week in 1920 to promote the study of Negro life and history.

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