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OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS ANNUAL  
**INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
ESSAY CONTEST**  
OPEN TO GRADUATING SENIORS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:  
LEFLORE | HUMPHREYS | HOLMES | SUNFLOWER | GRENADA  
TALLAHATCHIE | MONTGOMERY | WASHINGTON | SHARKEY

**LOCAL LEVEL WINNER: \$350**  
**NATIONAL WINNER: \$5000**

**2020 ESSAY TITLE:**  
LEARNING ABOUT POLITICS AND LIFE AS A CITIZEN IS PART OF THE TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD. DURING THIS STAGE, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INTRODUCED TO POLITICAL PROCESSES AND ISSUES, AS WELL AS, A RANGE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING VOTING AND PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.  
"AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE GLOBAL "BLACK LIVES MATTER" MOVEMENT, WHY IS IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME AND REMAIN POLITICALLY ENGAGED?"

SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 16, 2020 | 11:59PM.  
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## International High School Essay Contest

As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

### Four College Scholarship Awards:

1st Scholarship: \$5,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$3,000; 3rd Scholarship: \$2,000; 4th Scholarship: \$1,000

**Contest Closes: October 16, 2020**

### 2020 Essay Title:

*Learning about politics and life as a citizen is part of the transition to adulthood. During this stage, young people are introduced to political processes and issues, as well as, a range of political activities including voting and participation in social movements. "Against the backdrop of the global "Black Lives Matter" movement, why is it even more important for young people to become and remain politically engaged?"*

### Eligibility & Rules

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

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 may be submitted via postal service or email 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 16, 2020.**