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## 2020 Essay Contest



The men of the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc are proud to announce that the application for the 2020 Essay Contest is now open. The selected essay recipient will each receive a one-time scholarship **award of \$500.00** and will be entered into the [Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. International Essay Contest](#) with a chance to win one of four scholarship awards(**1st Scholarship: \$5,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$3,000; 3rd Scholarship: \$2,000; 4th Scholarship: \$1,000**).

### 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 and Rules:

The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors who submit an essay application to the chapter.

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 email in Microsoft Word.

### Submission Process:

All submissions will be reviewed by the Zeta Upsilon Scholarship Committee. Submissions will not be accepted after **November 1st 2020**. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_ Contest

Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International High School Essay Contest Name of Sponsoring Chapter: **Zeta Upsilon** Location of Chapter: Seattle, WA. The manuscript must be time stamped on the email no later than **11:59 PM November 1st 2020**, and sent to Zeta Upsilon via email:

Email: [zetaupsilonscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:zetaupsilonscholarship@gmail.com)

**Subject Line: [Applicant's Name] Submission for the 2020 Essay Contest**

### Rating Criteria

The Zeta Upsilon Essay Committee will assess submitted essays based on the following criteria:

Essays may earn a maximum rating of 100 points.

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 to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them. Awards from the Zeta Upsilon Chapter 2020 Essay Contest will be announced on or about November 30, 2020, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic.