



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Epsilon Iota Chapter
Announces the Annual
High School Essay Contest
As a phase of the Annual National Achievement Week Observance

Prize: \$1,000 Scholarship

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

RULES

The essay must be entitled:

"What Do You View as the Critical Skills Needed to be Successful in College and Beyond?"

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: _____

The manuscript must be postmarked no later than midnight, November 1, 2013 and mailed to:

Omega National High School Essay Contest
C/o Hubert Stewart
918 Point Run Drive
Pflugerville, TX 78660

The winner will be announced on or about November 8, 2013 and may be asked to present their essay at a banquet to be held on November 16th. Awards will be submitted to the winner, upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled. Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement date .

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.)