



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Iota Iota Iota Chapter

is pleased to announce its annual

**African American Male High School Essay Contest**

As a mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance

**State-wide (Utah) Competition for a College Scholarship:**

Winner Receives \$1000

**Contest Closes: October 18, 2019**

*2019 Essay Title:*

*“Explain something positive that happened in your life, that made an impact on you wanting to make a difference in the world; moreover, it motivated you to go to college.”*

Eligibility  
& Rules

The Contest is open to all college-bound, African American male high school seniors who submit an essay application to the Iota Iota Iota 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 18, 2019**.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Sponsoring Chapter: Iota Iota Iota Chapter Location of Chapter: Salt Lake City, UT

The manuscript must be time stamped on the email not later than midnight, October 18, 2019, and sent to **SaltLakeCityQues@gmail.com**

**Essays are not to be sent to the Fraternity’s Headquarters facility and will be considered ineligible.**



## Rating Criteria

Iota Iota Iota Chapter will assemble a review panel to 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 will be announced on or about October 31, 2019, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscripts must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. Winners may be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essay was submitted. Awards will be submitted to each 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.

## Local Chapter Contact

Local Chapter Name: Iota Iota Iota Chapter

Chairman: Bro. Brian Lanier

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