



## Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.-Iota Pi Chapter Randall Burt High School Essay Contest

Winners will receive a \$500 Scholarship

The Essay Topic:

**“The U.S. Census projects that the United States will become a majority- minority country by the year 2045. How can we combat, prevent and/or reduce prejudice, discrimination and violence in a new, more diverse America?”**

### RULES

The Contest is open to all college-bound, high school seniors

The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length

The essay must be original and neither previously published nor secured by copyright.

The type-written, double-spaced essay should be submitted to [Omegascholarship@cascadeng.com](mailto:Omegascholarship@cascadeng.com)

**The essay must be received no later than 12:00am, October 18, 2019**

The following information for the contestant must appear on the first page in this manner:

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

**Home Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Persons submitting manuscripts/essays thereby grant to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the right to keep the manuscripts/essays and to exercise full publishing rights to them. Awards will be announced on or about November 9, 2018, and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscripts/essays must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. Winners will be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essays were submitted. Awards will be submitted to each winner upon written verification from an institution of higher education at which 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.

### **RATING CRITERIA FOR ESSAYS**

1. Development of Topic/Thesis: (30 possible points.) Topic 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.)