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Sigma Mu Mu Chapter 2017 High School Essay Contest (A mandated element of the Annual International Achievement Week Observance)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sigma Mu Mu Chapter is accepting essays for consideration in its Annual High School Essay Contest. The winner will be awarded \$500.00. Only essays postmarked or time-stamped on **October 20, 2017** or earlier will be considered and reviewed by Sigma Mu Mu.

ELIGIBILITY

This essay contest is open to all college-bound, Loudoun County, VA high school seniors.

RULES

The essay must be **original** and neither previously published nor secured by copyright. It must be between 700 and 750 words in length.

The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and prepared in Microsoft Word.

The essay must be entitled: **"What Actions Can You Take to Promote Social Justice and Embrace Diversity of All People?"**

Only the following information must appear on the first page in this manner:

Title: _____

An Essay By: _____

Home Street Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home and Mobile/Cell Phone # _____

Email Address (for notification purposes): _____

Name of High School: _____

Founders

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Address of High School: _____

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

Name of Chapter Sponsoring Project: Sigma Mu Mu **Location of Chapter:** Ashburn, VA

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

The manuscript must be postmarked or time-stamped on the email not later than midnight, October 20, 2017. Email the essay to sigmamumuques@gmail.com or mail it to:

Sigma Mu Mu Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O Box 2538
Ashburn, VA 20146

NOTICE

By submitting a manuscript and participating in the essay contest, you hereby grant to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the right to keep the manuscript and to exercise full publishing rights to it. The Sigma Mu Mu Chapter award(s) will be announced on or about November 11, 2017 and the decision of the judges will be final. The manuscript must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic. The winner(s) will be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time the essay was submitted. The award(s) will be submitted to each winner upon receipt of that written proof.

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; proper use of paragraphs, including transitional phrases linking same
- 5. Spelling:** (5 possible pts.)
- 6. Punctuation:** (5 possible pts.)

Note to contestants: Sigma Mu Mu Chapter's High School Essay Contest winner may be eligible for an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International High School Essay Contest scholarship award in the amount of \$5,000.00 (1st Scholarship); \$3,000.00 (2nd Scholarship); \$2,000.00 (3rd Scholarship); or \$1,000.00 (4th Scholarship).

The Sigma Mu Mu point of contact for this essay contest is Mr. Brian Johnson. He may be contacted at 703-727-8455 if you have questions.

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