



Achievement Week Project 2026

Theme: "The Omega Standard: Leadership Rooted in Service".

Annual International Achievement Week Observance:

November 15-22, 2026

Psi Pi Chapter's

Local High School Essay Contest:

Local: Award: 1st Scholarship \$1000.00, 2nd Scholarship \$700.00, 3rd Scholarship \$300.00

1st Place Local Essay Advance to District Level: Award: \$1000 Scholarship

1st Place District Advance to IHQ: Award: 1st Scholarship: \$5,000; 2nd Scholarship: \$3,000;
3rd Scholarship: \$2,000; 4th Scholarship: \$1,000.

Eligibility: The Local Essay Contest is open to all College-Bound:
High School Seniors that attend school in Clarksville/Montgomery/Ft. Campbell and
Hopkinsville/Christian Counties:

RULES:

The essay must be entitled:

**How can Young People use Leadership, Service and Innovation to create Positive
Change in their Communities?**

"The essay must be Original neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 700 and 750 words in length. Use of assistance software and/or technology (i.e. AI) in creating this original work is strictly prohibited. The Committee will be using software to detect the usage of AI to assist with the essay. If the content is found to be above a 40% threshold the essay will be disqualified. Three type-written, double-spaced copies must be submitted via postal service and the following information for the contestant Must Appear on the First Page in this manner":

Title of Essay: _____
Essay By: _____ Home Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____ Name of High School: _____
Address of High School: _____
Contest Name: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International High School Essay Contest
Name of Chapter: _____ Location of Chapter: _____
Parent's Email _____ Student Email _____
Phone# _____ Student # _____

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant to Psi Pi Chapter the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them. Awards will be announced and given on November 14th, 2026 and the decision of the judge(s) will be final. The manuscripts 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 at the Psi Pi Chapter Annual Achievement Week Banquet. First Place Winner's essay will be forward to District's and then to International Head Quarter's to enter that contest.

The essay must be postmarked by October 12th, 2026 and sent to
*******PSI PI CHAPTER P.O. BOX 2903 CLARKSVILLE, TN. 37042*******

Essays are judged by a 3rd party.

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.)