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Dear High School Principals, Guidance Counselors and Community Stakeholders,

The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. are soliciting participation in our annual **Ronald Peoples High School Scholarship Contest**. This contest is for Graduating High School Male Seniors, heading to college and is sponsored by The Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with the Fraternity. We are asking that you furnish your college bound graduating seniors with this information and encourage them to apply for this scholarship.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was initially conceived to enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life for African American Males. Our founders dedicated themselves to public service and believed that college educated men should rise above the rest and give something back to the community at large. Throughout the years, The Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation has provided over \$100,000 to deserving high school students matriculating to four year colleges and universities. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to your students again this year.

In keeping with one of our cardinal principles, (Scholarship), our annual contest promotes academic excellence among college bound high school seniors. This year we will award a number of Scholarships to worthy recipients. Our top scholarship honorees may receive, but not limited to a \$1,000 award. Other recipients may receive \$500.00 or less.

Students interested in competing for the scholarships must provide the following information to the scholarship committee by **June 17, 2022**:

- An official copy of their high school transcript with raised seal.
- A most recent copy of their **SAT** or **ACT** scores
- A completed scholarship application (enclosed).
- A 1000- 1500 word well organized and typed essay.
- Submission of **(2) letters of recommendations** (enclosed)
- A color wallet size photo. (Publicity reasons only) **(Mandatory)**
- Copy of Acceptance Letter from College or University attending **(Mandatory)**

The essay should demonstrate the ability of the student to utilize research materials and, most importantly, to synthesize those thoughts and findings into an essay. The written work must be thought provoking, argumentative in nature yet at the same time persuasive. All essays must be typed and double-spaced. Students should write on the following topic:

“Promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship is an important way of creating new jobs and enhancing the labor market for the unemployed and other disadvantaged groups. In a post-COVID environment, why is it essential that young people change their mindset towards self-employment?”

If chosen, the monetary award will be conferred to the student directly once we receive written proof of their enrollment in college from their registrar’s office.

Seriously interested applicants must submit a complete packet, which includes an application, SAT or ACT scores, personal essay, transcript, letter of acceptance from College or University, Color wallet size photo, and three letters of recommendation by **June 17, 2022** to:

W. Charles Brandy
Co-Chairman, Scholarship Committee
20 Stevenson Blvd
Amherst, NY 14226

Failure to submit the required information by the deadline will result in disqualification.

Please feel free to make as many copies of the enclosed application packet as you wish and pass it on to interested students making sure they have all the necessary information for acceptance.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor and your immediate response. I am looking forward to working with you to make this effort a rewarding experience for your students. If you have further questions you may contact me at home (716) 689-1132 during evening and weekend hours. My email address is: matthewsmith936@gmail.com

THE DECISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.
APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- _____ **Scholarship Application**
- _____ **Official Transcript**
- _____ **Copy of SAT or ACT scores**
- _____ **Two (2) Recommendations (Forms Attached)**
- _____ **Type written Essay**
- _____ **Copy of Acceptance Letter from College or University attending**
- _____ **Color wallet size photo (Publicity reasons only) (Mandatory)**

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Smith Sr.

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Scholarship Committee Chairman

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Scholarship Application

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Submit only **one** application.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

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

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____ Date of Graduation (if known): _____

Name of High School: _____

Fathers Full Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mothers Full Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Number of Brothers and Sisters: _____ Ages: _____ Number in College: _____

Church Affiliation _____

Address _____

Pastor's Name _____

Personal Goals and Objectives: _____

List of awards, honors and scholarships received: _____

Extracurricular activities (including athletics, publications, music, debate, etc., PLUS any offices held): _____

Other outside activities (include Scouts, 4-H, etc., PLUS any offices held): _____

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Applicant: In addition to this completed and signed application, and two letters of recommendations, you **must** arrange with your high school to send an official and complete transcript of your high school record directly to the address listed below:

W. Charles Brandy
Co-Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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Amherst, NY 14226

Completed application, transcript, and letters of recommendation must be received by **June 17, 2022**.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT REQUIRED

I hereby certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that if I withdraw from school or transfer to another institution during the tenure of the scholarship (if granted), that I may become ineligible for further payments. I further understand that once submitted, my application, essay, photo and all additional information within becomes the sole property of the Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation.

Date: _____ **Applicant's Signature:** _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO FRATERNITY BY: June 17, 2022

ALL UNSOLICITED ENCLOSURES WILL BE DISCARDED
(Applications that are late or incomplete will be cause for disqualification)

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***Confidential**

Application for Phi Omega Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION TWO

To be returned to: (not later than June 17, 2022)

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Co-Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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Amherst, NY 14226

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Recommender's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____

Relationship to candidate: _____

Please comment on your recommendation or give additional information about the applicant's scholastic abilities and personality you feel may be pertinent:

Phone Number: () _____

Signature: _____