## 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholarship Application GUIDELINES

**ELIGIBILITY**: Applicant must be a member in good standing at all levels with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Must be a current, full-time undergraduate student or current, half/full-time graduate student in an academic degree granting program, in a US accredited educational institution. Associates and Certificate programs are not eligible.

If a half-time graduate student, applicant will be considered eligible after completing a minimum of three graded courses within their graduate program, recorded in their official, institutional, academic transcript. Students with less than half-time enrollment during the application semester are not eligible.

Recycling any part of previous years applications is immediate grounds for disqualification.

**GUIDELINES**: All applicants should review the scholarship and grant guidelines for eligibility and complete an application packet to include a **typed** application, **official** transcript(s) and **three** reference letters. All materials are to be emailed to <u>Scholarship@opp2d.org</u>

If applying for a 2<sup>nd</sup> District scholarship, follow the guidelines/instructions for 2<sup>nd</sup> District applicants.

**ALL** components of the application **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN** the application **DEADLINE**. Components are submitted as follows:

Application and any corresponding essays are submitted by applicant to committee

Letters of recommendation are submitted by recommender directly to the committee (Applicants, do not send your LORs to the Chair, they must come from the recommender)

Official transcripts are submitted by the institution's registrar directly to the committee. Most institutions are using "Parchment" as their clearinghouse.

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Each component is sent to <a href="mailto:Scholarship@opp2d.org">Scholarship@opp2d.org</a> by their corresponding submitter.

**Applications** should be *completely* filled out. Unless specifically instructed to, do not leave any request for information blank. Leaving any requested field blank will impact your score.

Only apply for the scholarships for which you are eligible. There are 14 options, it is impossible to be eligible for all of them.

The application calls for responses to 4 questions, please note that these questions **must** be answered in essay form. Failure to answer in essay form will negatively impact the evaluation of your response. You may include a list, but it must be embedded in your essay response.

**Transcripts** should include official enrollment or "in-progress" classes for the application semester. Otherwise, student will have to show official documentation of enrollment for the application semester, traditionally the Spring semester of the awarding year.

**GPA Requirements:** All but two (2) of the District scholarships have a GPA requirement that applicants must meet to be eligible for the scholarship. For the two scholarships without a GPA requirement (Cobb Medical and Moultrie Legal), applicants are still required to show academic excellence (a GPA of **3.0** or better on a 4.0 scale or it's equivalent.)

Send questions to <a href="mailto:Scholarship@opp2d.org">Scholarship@opp2d.org</a>

Brothers, your completed application must be received by the deadline.