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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

2021 Scholarship and Grant Awards Guidelines

Introduction: The Founders of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recognized the importance of the intellect in all matters pertaining to the advancement of humankind. As such, they made scholarship the foremost of the Fraternity's four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. Scholarship is no side issue – it is an integral and deep-rooted component of this organization. Every member, chapter, and district of the Fraternity is dedicated to scholarship. Thus, the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission was formed to give international recognition to future leaders of society and to foster scholastic achievement in the Fraternity through the following goals:

1. To increase awareness and the importance of the scholarship, especially among the undergraduate members
2. To encourage high academic attainment at the International, District, and Chapter levels
3. To encourage Chapters and Districts to reward high academic attainment by providing scholarship aid to students on all levels, and to work toward stimulation of scholarly aims among youth in secondary schools
4. To encourage meaningful research and creative productivity among all people without regard to race, creed, sex, or Greek-letter affiliation

In pursuit of these goals, the Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission distributes materials, evaluates individual performances, and reviews projects for which monetary grants and awards are given.

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SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AWARDS

The following scholarships and grants will be awarded by the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.

- I. INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD
- II. DISTRICT SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD
- III. FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
- IV. GRAND BASILEUS AWARD
- V. DR. RONALD E. MCNAIR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
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- XII. WILLIAM H. HASTIE CREATIVE & RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
- XIII. DR. MOSES C. NORMAN, SR. EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines: All applicants should review the scholarship and grant guidelines for eligibility and complete an application packet to include a typed application, official transcripts and three reference letters. All materials are to be scanned and emailed. The date(s) are posted on the IHQ website (under Scholarship link/dropbox).

Deadlines: Each individual must submit all application packet materials to their District Scholarship Committee Chairman by their respective district's published deadline. The District Scholarship Chairman shall announce all district scholarships and grant recipients by (and no later than) their respective annual District Meeting.

Each District Representative via the District Scholarship Committee Chairman shall certify and forward the scholarship information for the top district scholar in each category to the International Chairman of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission (CRDSC) **to be emailed** by no later than **May 1st** of each year. An applicant may only compete for one award at the international level.

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The Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission (CRDMSC) expects to announce all scholarship and grant award recipients by **June 1st** of every year.

Attendance Requirement: For each year in which CRDMSC scholarships are awarded, all recipients are required to be registered and attend the Grand Conclave or Leadership Conference held by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. including the Undergraduate Luncheon or designated award ceremony in order to receive scholarship. **Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of scholarship award**, (it is possible to be waived by the Grand Basileus due to extenuating circumstances).

Up to \$1,000.00 in expenses (including travel, lodging, and registration fees) associated with attending will be provided to the recipient as follows:

District Scholars of the Year expenses will be paid by their respective District (including the International Scholar of the Year) subject to prior approval by the District Representative.

All other International awardees expenses, except travel, will be paid by IHQ subject to prior approval by the Grand Basileus or designee. It is the respective district leadership, we hope, that shall provide travel for their respective awardees.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

I. INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Background: The International Scholar of the Year Award is the Fraternity's highest academic award. This award recognizes an **undergraduate** applicant not only for his academic excellence, but also for his overall involvement in the Fraternity, along with his contributions to the advancement of this organization. The International Scholar of the Year will be awarded annually.

Eligibility and Requirements: From those individuals who have been chosen as District Scholars of the Year, the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission will select the International Scholar of the Year.

Amount: Along with receiving up to \$5,000 from the Scholarship Commission for being recognized as the District Scholar of the Year, the International Scholar of the Year will be awarded up to an additional \$10,000.

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II. DISTRICT SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Background: The District Scholar of the Year Award is the top academic honor at the District level. As a means of stimulating scholarship among undergraduate members of the Fraternity, a District Scholar of the Year Award was created to recognize an undergraduate student who has displayed academic excellence. The award is given to one undergraduate Brother in each District annually.

II. DISTRICT SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD (Cont.)

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

An undergraduate Brother who is of **sophomore** standing or above
Enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution;
In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
In good standing with the collegiate institution;
Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale

Application Procedure:

Each individual may submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.
The District Scholarship Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** District Scholar of the Year.
The District Scholar of the Year's information will be submitted by the District Chair to compete for the International Scholar of the Year Award.

Amount: The Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission will award each District Scholar of the Year up to \$5,000.

III. FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Background: To commemorate the founding of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. by Brothers Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman, and Ernest E. Just, this scholarship was established to recognize the scholastic achievements of undergraduate and graduate Brothers. The selected candidates should demonstrate the academic aspirations exhibited by the Fraternity's Founders. The Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission will award (4) four Founders' Memorial Scholarship awards annually.

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An undergraduate Brother who is of **sophomore or junior** standing or a Brother who is of **graduate or professional school** standing;
Enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution or enrolled full-time in an accredited graduate or professional school;
In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
In good standing with the collegiate institution and have at least an undergraduate, graduate or professional school cumulative grade point average of 3.2 as defined on a 4.0 scale.

Application Procedure:

Each individual may submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.

The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and may select **ONE** undergraduate Founders' Memorial Scholar and **ONE** graduate Founders' Memorial Scholar from their respective District.

The top district undergraduate and graduate candidates' information will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: Four grants in the amount of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded each year, designated to three undergraduate Brothers and one graduate Brother.

IV. GRAND BASILEUS AWARD

Background: In recognition of the former Grand Basilei of the Fraternity, the Grand Basileus Award was established to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence throughout their undergraduate years.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

An undergraduate Brother who is of **senior** standing;
Graduating during the spring or summer semesters of the application year;
Enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution;
In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
In good standing with the collegiate institution;
Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale

Application Procedure:

Each individual may submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.

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The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: up to \$5,000

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V. RONALD E. MCNAIR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Background: The Ronald E. McNair Scientific Achievement Award was established to recognize the scholastic achievements of undergraduate Brothers who pursue degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The award was established in honor of Bro. Dr. Ronald E. McNair, a renowned American physicist and NASA Astronaut.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

An undergraduate Brother who is of **sophomore** standing or above;
Enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution;
In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
In good standing with the collegiate institution; and
Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 as on a 4.0 scale
Seeking an undergraduate degree in **STEM** areas, such as, but **not** limited to:

Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Math, Engineering.

Application Procedure:

Each individual may submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.

The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

District level recipients & applicants will also be considered for the GE Omega 4 Life Program for automatic admission.

Amount: up to \$5,000

VI. HERMAN S. DREER SCHOLARSHIP/LEADERSHIP AWARD

Background: The Herman S. Dreer Scholarship/Leadership Award is designed to provide financial assistance to an undergraduate Brother who best exemplifies the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship Perseverance, and Uplift.

The award is established in memory of Bro. Rev. Dr. Herman Samuel Dreer, renowned educator, minister, humanitarian, and author of the first *Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. History Book*. His daughters, Clarice Dreer Davis and Vivian Dreer, and Friends of the St. Louis Community established the award.

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VI. HERMAN S. DREER SCHOLARSHIP/LEADERSHIP AWARD (Cont.)]

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must**:

- Be an undergraduate Brother who is of **sophomore** standing or above;
 - Be enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution;
 - Be in good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
 - Be in good standing with the collegiate institution;
 - Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a 500-word TYPED essay detailing leadership and humanitarian accomplishments.**

Application Procedure:

- Each individual must submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.
- The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.
- The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: up to \$5,000

VII. GEORGE E. MEARES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Background: The George E. Meares Memorial Scholarship was established for the support of graduate study in social work, social sciences, and criminal justice.

The award was created in February, 1977 by Mrs. Minnie J. Meares Draughan in memory of her late husband, Bro. George E. Meares, who served as Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. from 1964-1967.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district the applicant **must** be:

- Enrolled full-time in an accredited graduate or professional school
- In good standing with the graduate or professional school, with a minimum cum GPA of no less than 3.1
- Seeking a graduate degree in one of the following areas:
 - a. Social Work;
 - b. Social Sciences; or
 - c. Criminal Justice

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The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: up to \$5,000

VIII. H. CARL MOULTRIE I LEGAL SCHOLAR AWARD

Background: The H. Carl Moultrie I Legal Scholar Award was established in support of study in the field of Law for Brothers who have demonstrated academic excellence throughout their professional legal education years, while actively supporting the Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity.

The award is established in memory of the Honorable Brother H. Carl Moultrie, I., the first National Executive Secretary of the Fraternity and former Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

A Graduate Brother enrolled full-time in an accredited school of law seeking a Juris Doctor or equivalent degree.

In good academic standing with the institution;

In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);

Have demonstrated service to the Fraternity during the year of application.

Application Procedure:

Each individual may submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.

The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

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IX. Dr. W. MONTAGUE COBB MEDICAL SCHOLAR AWARD

Background: The Dr. W. Montague Cobb Award was established in support of study in the field of Medicine for Brothers who have demonstrated academic excellence throughout their professional medical education years, while actively supporting the Cardinal Principles of the Fraternity.

The award is established in Memory of Brother Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Howard University's first Distinguished University Professor, who taught in the School of Medicine for 41 years and was also the fraternity's first National Scholarship Chairman.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

- A Graduate Brother enrolled full-time in an accredited school of medicine or dentistry, seeking a Doctoral degree. (**not residency**),
- In good academic standing with the institution;
- In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);
- Have demonstrated service to the Fraternity during the year of application.

Application Procedure:

Each individual must submit **an application packet** to their respective District Scholarship Chairman.

The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: up to \$5,000.00

X. UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Background: The Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Grants were created to support any Brother seeking an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree. Two Scholarship Grants will be awarded annually, one to an undergraduate Brother and one to a graduate or professional (school) Brother.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district, the applicant **must** be:

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X. UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS (Cont.)

An undergraduate Brother who is of **sophomore** standing or above; or a Brother who is of **graduate or professional school** standing;

Be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate in a four-year accredited collegiate institution or in an accredited graduate or professional school;

In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);

In good standing with the collegiate institution;

Have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 as defined on a 4.0 scale

Amount: Two grants in the amount of up to \$3,000 each will be given each year – one to an undergraduate Brother and one a graduate Brother.

XI. DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS DIVINITY SCHOLARSHIP

Background: The Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Divinity Scholarship was established for the support of graduate study in religious studies, or divinity.

The award was created in September, 2017 by the CDRSC and approved by the Supreme Council in memory of the late Professor, Dean of Howard University School of Divinity, and later President of Morehouse College.

Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district the applicant **must** be:

Enrolled full-time in an accredited graduate school for divinity;

In good standing with the graduate or professional school, with a minimum cum GPA of 3.0; Demonstrated leadership in ministry.

Seeking a graduate degree in divinity or religious studies.

Have demonstrated service to the Fraternity during the year of application.

In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter).

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XI. DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS SCHOLARSHIP (Cont.)

Application Procedure:

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The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate.

The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chair to compete for international recognition.

Amount: up to \$5,000

XII. WILLIAM H. HASTIE CREATIVE & RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Background: The Creative and Research Fellowship was established in honor of the Hon. William Hastie and his legacy as a student, an educator, a politician and a jurist. It recognizes scholars, performers, & creative artists who require assistance in completing work, publication or study in progress.

Eligibility and Requirement: At the time of submission of an application to the District, the applicant must be:

- An undergraduate Brother who is of senior standing, or a graduate Brother who is of graduate or professional school standing or a Brother actively engaged in transformative research in their respective careers;
- Enrolled full-time in a four-year accredited collegiate institution or an accredited graduate or professional school;
- In good standing with the collegiate institution or graduate school or professional school;
- In good financial standing at all levels of the fraternity (International/District/Chapter);
- Able to produce evidence of work in progress and a synopsis explaining the active work or research being undertaken;
- Seeking assistance with said projects in any discipline:

Application Procedure:

- Each applicant must submit an application packet to their respective District Scholarship Chairman;
- The District Committee evaluates each individual's application and selects **ONE** candidate;
- The top district candidate will be submitted by the District Scholarship Chairman to compete for international recognition.

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XIII. DR. MOSES C. NORMAN, SR. EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Background: The Dr. Moses C. Norman, Sr. Education Scholarship was established for the support of men of color pursuing college degrees in the field(s) of education. This includes undergraduate & graduate study.

The award was created in September, 2017 by the CDRSC and approved by the Supreme Council in memory of the late, K-12 Administrator, College Professor & Department Chair, Dean of the College of Education at Clark Atlanta University. He also served as the only 3-term elected Grand Basileus. Eligibility and Requirements: At the time of submission of an application to the district the applicant **must** be either:

An undergraduate Brother who is of at least **junior** standing or above; or a Brother who is of **graduate school** standing;

Be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate in a four-year accredited collegiate institution or in an accredited graduate school;

In good financial standing at all levels (International/District/Chapter);

In good standing with the collegiate institution;

Have demonstrated service to the Fraternity during the year of application.

An Undergraduate Brother must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 as defined on a 4.0 scale. A Graduate Brother must have at least a cumulative GPA average of 3.4 as defined on a 4.0 scale.

Amount: Two grants in the amount of up to \$5,000 each will be given each year – one to an undergraduate Brother and one a graduate Brother.

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Application and Deadlines:

The official Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission's scholarship guidelines, application, all published district and international deadlines and important contact info are all located on the IHQ website at



www.oppf.org/scholarship

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OMEGA4LIFELEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is privileged to feature **Omega4Life**, an outstanding national leadership program designed to assist collegiate members to become successful professionals in their chosen careers. Sponsored by GE, Omega4Life features challenging, exciting, and worthwhile activities for selected participants.

Omega4Life is a year-long, national leadership development program. Omega4Life is designed to develop a pool of outstanding African-American male collegiate leaders for the company and the country.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- An active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university institution pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Technology, Computer Science, Information Technology, or Business (Finance, Management, Marketing)
- Un-weighted cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior class standing

For more info visit www.omega4life.org or contact Bro. Michael Foust, Ph.D. at, michael.foust@ge.com.

About the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc.

The Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. was established in 1984. It was chartered to aid organizations involved in charitable, educational, scholastic and scientific pursuits. In its twenty year history, it has had tremendous growth and success and has been of significant benefit to those groups whose work it has been privileged to support. There have been numerous young people, gifted in the performing arts, and in scholastic pursuits who were able to continue their progress, as a result of the generous, philanthropic work of the Foundation. It has supported a number of Uplift and Scholastic projects and initiatives started and endorsed by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. including all international scholarship awards presented by the Charles R. Drew Memorial Commission.

For more information go to www.olmf.org.

About Brother Dr. Charles Richard Drew

Brother Dr. Charles Richard Drew was born on June 3, 1904 in Washington, D.C. He was an African American physician, scholar and athlete. Drew developed ways to process and store blood plasma in "blood banks." He directed the blood plasma programs of the United States and Great Britain in World War II, but resigned after a ruling that the blood of African Americans would be segregated. He was also a proud Omega man, having been initiated into the Fraternity in 1923 through Alpha Psi Chapter at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. He is the co-author of the fraternity's international hymn, "Omega Dear". Drew died in a tragic car accident in 1950, but his work and legacy live forever.

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