

# THE CHARLES R. DREW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

## Naming current 2<sup>nd</sup> District Unnamed grants

Proposed and submitted to the District Representative

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## 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. Increase awareness and the importance of the scholarship, especially among the undergraduate members
2. Encourage high academic attainment at the International, District, and Chapter levels
3. 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. 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chapter Scholarship Program

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholarship team awards several unnamed \$1,000 scholarships to graduate and undergraduate Brothers who are excelling academically. These are awarded to applicants whose field of study or grade point average do not fully meet the requirements of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Memorial Scholarship Commission of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., or are bested by another applicant, but the submission is still worthy of academic recognition.

This proposal seeks to engage currently ACTIVE chapters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District in naming and funding these scholarships. Chapters within the district will be given the opportunity to select a Brother they want to honor (living or deceased). The chapter will be able to name the scholarship after that Brother and provide requirements for eligibility. The scholarship will be awarded during our annual District conference. We will give credit to the sponsoring chapter and read a brief bio of the honoree.

For the chapter to name the scholarship, its executive board must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholarship Chair agreeing to fund the \$1,000 scholarship in the selected Brother's name for **THREE (3) years**, for a total commitment of \$3,000. At the end of the 3 years, the chapter can choose to renew the 3-year agreement with the District Scholarship Chair. If not, other chapters may be given the opportunity to name an honoree and enter into an MOU with the District Scholarship Chair.

The additional scholarship funds collected from sponsoring chapters should in no way reduce the current financial commitment the district has to the District Scholarship Committee.

Chapters will provide:

**Background:** Brief bio and accomplishments of honoree and reason for honoring (1 pager)

**Eligibility and Requirements:** Graduate or undergraduate (if undergraduate, specific year – So, Jr, Sr), desired GPA, and field of study,

**Application Procedure:** Submit a completed application to the District Scholarship Committee.

**Amount:** \$1,000/year for minimum of 3 years