



**The
Dr. Ernest E. Just
Memorial Scholarship**

**Presented by
Rho Tau Chapter
Of
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated**

**Attn: High School Seniors, Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Pastors
Subject: Rho Tau Chapter – Dr. Ernest E. Just Scholarship Opportunity**

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., founded November 17, 1911 on the predominately black campus of Howard University, awards thousands of dollars in scholarship monies to deserving and aspiring young students annually.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated subscribes to four cardinal principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. The Rho Tau Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in Gurnee, Illinois accordance with our fraternity's four cardinal principles, provides direct scholarship opportunities in the amount of **\$500.00*** locally to the Greater Lake County/ Kenosha county areas.

****This scholarship is for SENIORS ONLY. Award amount may be higher, based on contributing donations.***

The Minimum Criteria for applying for our annual scholarship are as follows:

1. Overall Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher (4.0 scale)
2. Strong Commitment to Continual Education.

3. Community Activity/Involvement
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
5. Official High School Transcript
6. 2014 High School Graduate
7. Strict Adherence to All deadlines

The deadline for submitting all application materials is **May 1st of the year of application**. The complete application packet, including the two letters of recommendation and official transcript, must be received at the following address by the deadline date for consideration:

**Rho Tau Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
C/o Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 252
Gurnee, IL 60031-0252**

Scholarship finalists will be selected via careful screening of the application packet. All finalists will be contacted via phone and /or email to schedule a mandatory interview.

The Ernest E. Just Scholarship recipient(s) will exemplify excellence in Maturity, Citizenship, Scholastic ability and leadership. It is the recipient(s) responsibility to provide the Rho Tau Chapter of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., official proof of college enrollment before any monies are released.

Feel free to share this letter and application with any qualified individual you may feel qualified. Please contact me directly for further details at RhoTauQues@Gmail.com

Best regards,

Rho Tau Chapter
Scholarship Committee Chair

Introduction

Dr. Ernest E. Just (1883-1941) (Brief Summary)

Ernest E. Just was born in 1883, in Charleston, South Carolina. He attended Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, New Hampshire and went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa) and Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Chicago in 1916. Dr. Just was awarded the prestigious Spingarn Medal by the NAACP in 1915 and became the 19th honoree in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage Stamp Series on February 1, 1996. Dr. Ernest E. Just died in 1941.

The Birth of Omega

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated ($\Omega\Psi\Phi$) [Fraternity](#) was founded on Friday, [November 17, 1911](#), at [Howard University](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#) by three students. At the time, the founders of Omega Psi Phi were Howard University juniors Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. The first faculty advisor was Dr. [Ernest Everett Just](#), who early on was accorded the status of founder by the three undergraduates. Each of the founders had distinguished careers in their chosen fields: Edgar Love, who became a bishop of the United Methodist Church; Oscar Cooper, who was a prominent physician who practiced in Philadelphia over 50 years; Frank Coleman, who was the chairman of the Department of Physics at Howard University for many years; and Ernest E. Just, who was a world-renowned biologist. The fraternity is the first [black](#) national fraternal organization to be founded at a [historically black college](#).

From its inception, the fraternity has worked to build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of [manhood](#), [scholarship](#), perseverance, uplift, and capable of giving expression to the hopes and aspirations of an unfree people in the land of the free. In 1927, at the urging of fraternity member [Carter G. Woodson](#), the fraternity made *National Negro Achievement Week* an annual observance, and it continues today as *Black History Month*.

Since 1945, the fraternity has undertaken a National Social Action Program to meet the needs of [African Americans](#) in the areas of health, housing, [civil rights](#), and education. Omega Psi Phi has been a patron of the [United Negro College Fund](#) (UNCF) since [1955](#), provides an annual gift of \$50,000 to the UNCF, and is a [National Pan-Hellenic Council](#) (NPHC) member.



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Applicant Information: [Please type or print]

Name:			
Last:	First:	Middle:	
Current Address:			
Street/PO Box:			Apt/Ste:
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone: Please place an X to the left of your preferred contact number			
Mobile:	Home:	Work:	
Email:			

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent's/Guardian's Name:			
Parent's/Guardian's Occupation:			
Please place an X to the left of the preferred contact number			
Parent's/Guardian's Phone	Cell	Home	Work
Parent's/Guardian's E-mail:			
Number of Sibling's in your family?		Number of Sibling's Currently in College?	

High School Information:

Name of High School?			
Grade Point Average:		3.0/ 4.0/ 5.0 / Other [Please circle the appropriate one]	
SAT Score:		and/or ACT Score:	Whichever applies?

Extra-curricular Activities [please include leadership positions and honors/awards]:

Are you employed?	Yes	No	Please circle one
If yes, where are you employed?			
How many hrs/week?		How long have you been employed?	
Name of your Employer:			

On a separate sheet, please describe in **250 words or less** why you feel continuing your education is important and what contributions you plan to make to your community once you've obtained your degree.

Special Note: Scholarship Monies will only be awarded upon receipt of official proof of enrollment in an accredited college/university. All College Enrollment Documentation must be received no later than **August 1st of the year of Application.** Please return the completed application packet and any official proof of college enrollment to:

**The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Rho Tau Chapter
P.O. Box 252
Gurnee, IL 60031-0252**

Upon verification of enrollment, disbursement of scholarship monies will be done in **October of the year of Application.**

MAIL IN ITEMS CHECKLIST:

- **Completed Application Package**
- **2 Letters of Recommendation**
- **Requested Official HS Transcripts Addressed to:**
 - **Attention: Scholarship Committee**
The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Rho Tau Chapter
P.O. Box 252
Gurnee, IL 60031-0252
- **250 Word Essay**
- **Note: If you did the online application, you still need to mail in remaining required items before deadline.**