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**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**

**Eta Omicron Lambda Chapter**

**2023 Brother Professor Prentiss Hough Essay Scholarship Competition Guidelines and Application Form**

Dear Friends,

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Eta Omicron Lambda Chapter proudly present our **Annual Brother Professor Prentiss Hough Essay Scholarship Competition.** This would normally proceed as an Oratorical Competition but this year we decided to host an Essay Competition. This year’s theme is **“My Opportunity”**

Brother Prentiss Hough was one of the Charter Members of the Eta Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. seated in Rock Hill, SC. He was a high school principal in Lancaster, SC as well as a Professor at a few of the local colleges. He was very high on speaking well of yourself as a man. Unfortunately he passed away of a heart attack in 1966. We have created an oratorical competition and scholarship to recognize the great work Brother Prentiss Hough began. This competition is open to any African American Male Public High School Seniors in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties with a GPA requirement of 2.5. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions: Bro. Darrell Brunson, (803) 458-3686, darrellbrunson@gmail.com.

**Contest Guidelines:**

We invite contestants to participate by creating an original 400-750 word essay based on this year’s theme. Essays are due by February 1, 2023. The top four essays will be chosen as winners. Winners will be announced on March 1, 2023.

**Essay Question: *“What have you completed or what will you do to make this world a better place?”***

**"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."** Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr**. said this to an audience on April 18, 1959– and it still rings true today and every day.

**Evaluation of Essays:** The top four essay finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and notified on March 1, 2023

Scholarship Winners will be evaluated by a panel of judges using the following criteria:

* Meaning – The extent to which the essay exhibits sound understanding, interpretation, and analysis of topic: ***20 points***.
* Development – The extent to which ideas are elaborated using specific and relevant evidence pertaining to topic: ***35 points***
* Organization –The extent to which the essay exhibits direction, shape, and coherence: ***35 points***
* Language Use – The extent to which the essay reveals an awareness of audience and purpose through effective use of words, sentence structure, and sentence variety: ***10 points***

**Deadline for submission:** A typed copy of the written speech and the Scholarship Essay Competition Contest entry form **must be emailed to *darrellbrunson@gmail.com*** **no later than February 1, 2023**. Competition Winners will be notified on **March 1, 2023**.

**Contest Awards/Recognition:** Upon completion of essay presentations at the 2023 Brother Professor Prentiss Hough Essay Scholarship Competition, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and given monetary awards valued at $750, $500, $250 and $125 respectively.

**Entry Form Below \***

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| **2022 Brother Professor Prentiss Essay Scholarship Competition**  Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Parents’/Guardians’ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | | | |
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Please email your essay, High School Transcript *and* the Contestant Information page to:

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