



## THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI CHAPTER 143

### GRATIA MURPHY FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AWARD

Chapter 143 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi annually awards a first-year student at Youngstown State University a \$500 scholarship in recognition of past achievements and future academic potential. The award honors the memory of Gratia Murphy, a long-time professor at Youngstown State University who dedicated her career to the success and advancement of students enrolled at YSU.

Chapter 143 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will conduct an essay contest among first-year students to identify the recipient of the award. You are invited to submit a 500-word essay on the following (word limits will be strictly enforced):

***Malcolm Forbes said "Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." John Dewey said "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." Leo Buscaglia says that "Change is the end result of all true learning." There are many theories on the meaning and purpose of education. In your essay, describe what you believe to be the meaning and purpose of education and how your personal philosophy impacts your approach to your college education.***

- To be eligible for this award you must:
  - Be a first year student at Youngstown State University
  - Construct a 500-word essay on the topic outlined above
  - Fill out the attached award application and submit it with your essay  
Your name should not appear on the essay itself, only on the attached application
- Essays should be:
  - Single spaced
  - 12-point type
  - Submitted on standard 8 ½ " x 11" paper
- The essay will be judged on content and technical merit

Completed essays and applications should be submitted in person to Emilie Eberth, Moser Hall Room 2290 or by e-mail to [egeberth@ysu.edu](mailto:egeberth@ysu.edu), by December 11, 2015. The Award recipient will be announced in Spring.

Please contact Emilie Eberth at 330.941.2884 if you have questions regarding essay criteria.

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Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Attached please find my 500-word essay on:

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Deadline: December 11, 2015

Return this form and your completed essay to:

Emilie Eberth  
Youngstown State University  
Moser Hall 2290  
One University Plaza  
Youngstown, OH 44555  
egeberth@ysu.edu

**Important:** Do not put your name on the essay itself. Your name should only appear on this application form. Essays will be subjected to blind judging.