



Rev. John Dublin Epps Scholarship



Reverend John Dublin Epps was born March 13, 1881 in Kingstree, South Carolina. He received an undergraduate degree at Claflin College in Orangeburg, SC and a law degree in 1914 from Howard University. He practiced law and sold insurance in Oklahoma until 1927 when the family moved to Houston, where he was instrumental in building St. Luke The Evangelist Episcopal Church.

In 1930, Rev. Epps began working as a Sexton at Christ Church, Tyler where clergy and Bishop Clinton Quin encouraged and supported him in his ordination. Rev. Epps was ordained into priesthood on November 27, 1935. During his ministry in the Diocese of Texas, he served congregations in Baytown and St. John's (Tyler-20 years). In 1941, he organized the Church of the Advent in Austin (St. James') and St. Stephen's in Lufkin. He was appointed Dean of the Colored Convocation during the time when Negro congregations did not have seat, voice or vote at Council. After retirement, Rev. Epps continued his work at St. John's by serving as Sunday School Superintendent and preparing people for confirmation.

Rev. Epps was actively involved in his community. He was a 33 Degree Mason, life member of the NAACP, member of Tyler's Progressive Voter's League, member of the YMCA board, chaplain for the Interdenominational Alliance of Tyler, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and was awarded the highest honor given by the Boy Scouts of America, the Silver Beaver. He died in 1979.

Based on this brief biography it should be clear why this scholarship is named in honor of Rev. John Dublin Epps. His life and works epitomize the core values of Christian discipleship, as did his vocal, unwavering advocacy for equal human, civil and church rights for all members. In a nutshell, his legacy epitomized the mission of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

****Recipients of this scholarship must attend a 4-year institution to be eligible.**



SIGMA OMICRON CHAPTER
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC.
TYLER, TEXAS
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24
JOHN D. EPPS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Student Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

An official high school transcript and letter of interest must be submitted with application.

What post secondary institution of higher learning do you plan to attend after graduation?

_____ Expected Enrollment Date: _____

Anticipated College Major: _____ Minor: _____

Please list your co-curricular activities present and past:

On an additional attachment, please provide a summary explaining why you feel you should be the recipient of this scholarship. Should not exceed one page.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

My signature indicates that the information provided on this application is true and may be verified by the Sigma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Deadline for entry will be April 15, 2024. The application may be submitted to a fraternity member on or before April 15, 2024, or mailed to:

Sigma Omicron Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
P. O. Box 5146
Tyler, Texas 75712

Or emailed to sigmaomicronopp@gmail.com. If mailed, application must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2024 for consideration to receive scholarship.