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(Lodge Name and #) PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED
(city/town), SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHOLARSHIP

THEME FOR THE YEAR 2019:

How young is "too young" to use social media?

Social media seems to be the most popular and best "creation" since ice cream. Do you use social media? If so, what apps do you use? Approximately how old were you when you started using them? Why did you choose to join them? Were your parents involved in your decision? If not, why have you chosen not to use social media? In December 2017 *Facebook* introduced an app called "Messenger Kids" that is targeted at the age group of 18 and under. In doing so, *Facebook* immediately re-ignited a furious debate about how young is "too young" for children to use mobile apps and how parents should deal with the steady creep of technology into family life.

Read the *New York Times* article, "New Facebook App for Children Ignites Debate Among Families," by Mike Isaac and Natasha Singer, in its entirety, dated December 4, 2017. In a detailed essay of at least five (5) complete paragraphs, state in your opinion, how young is "too young" to use social media. Use this source and at least (2) other current sources that you choose to support your argument presented in your thesis statement. One of your other sources can also be an interview with a credible resource such as a school psychologist, psychiatrist, behavioral specialist, guidance counselor, mental health counselor, or a law enforcement officer. Be sure to cite the sources on a Works Cited page, according to MLA format, and the end of your essay.

DUE DATE: TBA

The winner of this Essay contest will receive \$(whatever \$ amount your lodge agrees on) from (Lodge name and #) Scholarship Fund. The winner is then eligible and must attend the District Contest to win District Scholarship. The winner of the District Contest must attend the State Contest where a \$4,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the winner over a four year period.

(Lodge name and #) **GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Applicants must be a high school senior and attending a 4 year university/college after graduation.
2. Essays and all requested information must be turned in by TBA.
3. Essays may be typed or written in ink. If the essay is written in ink, it must be legible.
4. Essays must be original.
5. Along with essay, student must include:
 - a) Scholastic rank in present high school class.
 - b) Written comments from at least three character witnesses that includes Leadership qualities.
 - c) A statement of contestant's academic achievement.
 - d) A list of school, Church, and community activities in which the contestant has participated.
 - e) A letter of recommendation by a school official where contestant is presently attending or last attended school.
 - f) SAT or ACT score.
 - g) A copy of high school transcript.
6. All finalists must appear in person before a panel of judges for an interview ***and defend their thesis.***
7. Student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
8. Applicants must be able to attend District Contest, and State Contest.

Regards,

(Whoever is in charge of scholarship)