



PA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND EAST CENTRAL REGION

2019/2020 Scholarship Application Form

Odyssey of the Mind impacts everyone who gets involved. The experience, life lessons, and spirit gained as a participant in Odyssey of the Mind carries well beyond the student's involvement. Students become mentors, coaches, parents, future volunteers, and leaders within and beyond the Odyssey of the Mind family.

East Central Pennsylvania Regional Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) program sponsors scholarship opportunities for up to two (2) students per year for up to \$1,000.00. These opportunities are intended to celebrate special participants of the program who have demonstrated exemplary problem-solving skills, creativity, good sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork. The scholarship program is intended to support these individuals as they continue their education and growth.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have been a team member/volunteer for at least three years for the Odyssey of the Mind Program, and is currently participating in the program in the East Central Pennsylvania's Region. Participation can be on a team or otherwise actively engaged in supporting OotM.
- Must be continuing their education at a university, college, community college, post-secondary technical or trade school, or a specialized post-secondary educational institution.
- Must be a high school senior or a student who will be continuing their education after high school within the next academic year.
- Must provide all submission requirements as listed in this scholarship application form.

Eligible applicants will have submitted one (1) original and one (1) copy of the following by no later than **Tuesday, February 25, 2020**:

- Completed application form (as attached). This includes documentation regarding participation as a member/volunteer for at least 3 years, which includes currently being involved in the East Central PA Odyssey of the Mind program for 2019/2020 school year.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an Odyssey of the Mind coach, high-school administrator, OotM mentor or teacher. The letter shall describe problem-solving skills, creativity, good sportsmanship, perseverance, and/or teamwork that has been demonstrated directly by the applicant either directly in their participation in Odyssey of the Mind or in their recent educational studies or academic endeavors. The letter of

recommendation may not be from a person who is related to or a guardian of the applicant. Letters are limited to one page, double-spaced, and greater than 10 font.

- An essay or response of the candidate's choosing such as audio or visual that addresses the following questions. There is no limit to the words, form, format, or style, but the applicant should consider 350 words or less as an appropriate response.
 - a. Describe how your Odyssey of the Mind experience has allowed you to further develop your problem-solving skills, creativity, good sportsmanship, perseverance, and/or teamwork?
 - b. Describe parts of your day-to-day life that have changed or grown since your first experience with the Odyssey of the Mind program?
 - c. Describe a specific instance outside of Odyssey of the Mind where you directly applied your problem-solving skills and creativity to solve a problem?
 - d. Adults in your life volunteer their time and talents to ensure that Odyssey of the Mind program continues to succeed and grow. Describe something you'd like to do after high school in that same spirit so that others may have the same kinds of opportunities that you have had?

All submissions will be reviewed by the selection committee, which consists of members of the East Central Regional Board of Directors. Selection committee members may not be related to, teachers of, or Odyssey of the Mind coaches of any applicants. Winner(s) will be announced at the East Central Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament Awards Ceremony. All submissions will become the property of the East Central Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind program.

All questions and submissions should be sent to:

Heath Edelman
315 Clay Road
Lititz, PA 17543
spontaneouspc.ec@paodyssey.com

All scholarships will be disbursed upon receipt of 1st semester or 1st academic period schedule. This may be submitted subsequent to the scholarship application.

In the event that a scholarship winner is no longer qualified or cannot use the scholarship, the Board of Directors may assign the scholarship to a secondary beneficiary.



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Scholarship Application Form (2019-2020)

Applicant's Name: _____ Current School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Letter of Recommendation Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Please attach letter of recommendation to the application.

Odyssey of the Mind Team Participation (attach other sheets as necessary)

Year	School	Problem	Division	Coach Name	Comments

Odyssey of the Mind Volunteerism If Applicable (attach other sheets as necessary)

Year	Region	Position	Comments

What school are you planning to attend? _____

Have you been accepted? _____ When will you attend? _____

What field of study do you intend to pursue? _____

Tell us anything else you think we should know about your application? _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____