

California Odyssey of the Mind

Scholarship Application Form

California Odyssey of the Mind has created a scholarship program to recognize and reward students who have demonstrated creative problem-solving skills, outside the box thinking, dedication to the program and a desire to share their experiences with others. California Odyssey of the Mind is the non-profit organization that administers the competitions and Odyssey of the Mind program in California. We operate under the non-profit status of Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU).

We believe that by supporting Odyssey students as they begin their college careers, we will develop new leaders for the program in the future. We invite participants to apply for this scholarship during their senior year of high school. The applicant must have been active on an Odyssey Team for at least three years and one of these years must have been in High School.

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded; The Bob and Judy Drogin Scholarship and the California Odyssey of the Mind Scholarship. By applying you will automatically be considered for both scholarships.

How to apply:

- A. Completed applications must be received by **March 12th, 2010** to be considered.
- B. Mail/drop off the application form and essay to the address listed below.
- C. Include a letter of recommendation from an Odyssey of the Mind Coach or teacher explaining why they feel you deserve the scholarship. Limit one page.
- D. Include the latest copy of your transcript. There is no specific grade requirement but we do want to know that you are dedicated to your schoolwork and that you are improving if you have been struggling.
- E. Write an essay and respond to the following questions. The essay should be

no more than 500 words.

- 1) How has Odyssey of the Mind changed the way you think?
 - 2) How do you continue to use the skills you learned in Odyssey of the Mind in your daily life?
 - 3) How will you give back to the Odyssey of the Mind program so that others may receive the same benefits you received?
 - 4) What ideas do you have for expanding the program so that more children will benefit from Odyssey of the Mind?
- F. Scholarship awards may be applied toward the cost of obtaining an education at any university, college, community college or specialized school. Only applications that are completed and received on/before **March 12th, 2010** will be considered. Applicants must be in their senior year of a California high school and must have had at least 3 years experience on an Odyssey of the Mind team and one of these years must have been in high school. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university.

Return the completed application and all supporting materials to:

**California Odyssey of the Mind
Scholarship Program
210 Likely Drive
Alamo, CA 94507
info@sfbayodysseyofthemind.org**

The two \$500 scholarships will be awarded at the State Tournament on March 27, 2010 in Brentwood, CA. The winner will be notified in advance so they can be present at the tournament.

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2009-2010 School Year

Name _____ City _____
 Street _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Year in School _____ School Name _____
 Odyssey Region _____

List your involvement in the Odyssey of the Mind Program:

Year	Grade	Problem	Division	School

List any individual or Team Awards and advancement to state/world finals:

Year	Problem	Award	Division	Additional Information

References: List the name and phone number of at least one of your coaches.

Name _____ Phone _____