

## 2018 Line Mountain Scholarship Application

In March 1998, Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind lost several members of its Odyssey family in a tragic accident. Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind is proud to remember the young people from Line Mountain (**Amanda Wehry, Toni Wehry, Tyrone Wehry, Jason Herrold, Kip Snyder, Toby Wiest, David Wiest and Chad Hain**) through the awarding of an annual scholarship of **\$2,500** dollars to one Pennsylvania senior who most nearly embodies the spirit of, and demonstrates the creativity so coveted by Odyssey of the Mind. This scholarship will be paid directly to a post-secondary institution toward the student's tuition, room and board, or school required fees. The scholarship is not based on financial need or academic performance. It is designed to allow students to demonstrate those talents, abilities and most of all, the CREATIVITY that Odyssey of the Mind values and cultivates in its participants.

### **Applicants must meet the following qualifications:**

- Has been a member of any team(s) that have participated in regional competitions for three years or more. At least two of those years must have occurred in Pennsylvania
- Application is not restricted to current participants. Documentation of participation is required.
- Is a high school senior or high school student who will be attending any postsecondary institution for the next academic year - allowing for students who will graduate early and not returning to high school.
- Is continuing his/her education and presents written acceptance from a postsecondary institution for the next academic year.
- Displays the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind and submits a letter from a coach or contact person describing that spirit.
- Solves the following problem.
- In the event that the recipient cannot use the scholarship, it will go to a second choice beneficiary.
- Applicant must include valid e-mail address and phone number with submission.

### **PROBLEM: “Just Pin It!”**

“Thinking outside the box,” “stretching the boundaries,” and “pushing the envelope.” These are the mantras of Odyssey of the Mind participants. Odyssey of the Mind encourages students of all ages to expand their thinking and show off their creativity in forming solutions to challenging problems.

OMER has been creatively solving problems in Pennsylvania for over 35 years. Each year brings a new set of problems and pins to collect and trade. Pennsylvania is known for our collection of elaborate pins and designs! Omer needs your help to create a new design for a pin! The pin must include a few aspects, but most of all the pin must be able to describe to others what Odyssey of the Mind is. You may choose to draw the pin but you could present this in various ways. Drawings need not be perfect!

### **Your “Collectable Pin” must meet the following criteria:**

- Must have an original Odyssey of the Mind pin prototype included in your package. The prototype can be made of any materials but should use those items creatively. Find other uses for typical items on your pin! The pin should be no more than 4 inches by 4 inches. The prototype should include the following:
  - Must have an original Odyssey of the Mind pin design drawing or description
  - Must have a “Catch Phrase” that is no more than 10 words.
- A written description of what the meaning behind the pin aspects are and why they are important should be written out and included with the prototype
- A written description of how your pin helps to describe to others what Odyssey of the Mind is. (Remember this is to people who have never participated before)
- There can be no outside assistance!

**The problem will be judged on:**

- Uniqueness
- Creativity & effectiveness
- Originality of design elements
- Use of typical items in a creative way
- There will be no clarifications for this problem!

**Submission Process / Review Process:**

Solutions must be submitted to the committee on or before **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. All items must be received by this date, not post marked! All submissions will become the property of Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind Association. Please include all materials for your application with your problem.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Selection committee which is comprised of members of the Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind Association Board and OOTM alumni representatives around the state. The winner will be notified by the Pennsylvania Association Director on or before March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the Pennsylvania state tournament at Pocono Mountain East Campus on **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

All submissions should be sent to:

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