



2019 Line Mountain Scholarship Application

Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind lost several members of its Odyssey family in a tragic accident in March 1998. Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind is proud to remember the young people from Line Mountain (**Chad Hain, Jason Herrold, Kip Snyder, Amanda Wehry, Toni Wehry, Tyrone Wehry, David Wiest, and Toby Wiest**) 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 PA 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 has 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 year 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 return to high school.
- Is continuing his/her education and presents written acceptance from a postsecondary institution for an academic year within one year of the date of high school graduation.
- Displays the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind and submits a letter from a coach or membership 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 applicant.
- Applicant must include valid e-mail address and phone number with submission.

PROBLEM: “OMER, We Have a Problem”

Thinking beyond 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. This is where you come in.

OMER had quite a bit of trouble thinking of some new problems for all the wonderful students to solve. He needs your help in conceiving and writing a problem of your choice. The problem can fit into any of the five OotM problem types. OMER wants you to keep it as real as possible, so that he can use your problem and present it. The problem should be able to be solved, but does not mean it should be easy. A brief synopsis of the problem along with a problem guide are both required. The problem guide can be designed according to your problem and personal style. It should include some cover art along with a name for your specific problem. Be creative when doing this. Think of current, and past, long-term problems – their names and intents – for reference and maybe a starting point for your thoughts. A problem guide includes things such as limitations, scoring, and so on. Yours may imitate the style of, but is in no way to replicate any current or past OotM long-term problems. Best of luck!

Your problem must meet the following criteria:

- Must include a name for the problem
- Specify which category the problem would be in
- A synopsis of your problem that is no longer than 150 words
- A cover page with artwork and your contact information
- A full written description of your problem no more than 500 words
- The limitations to the problem
- The site set up, along with any visual aids to assist in the set up
- The scoring of the problem, including any penalties
- What elements of the problem would be scored for style
- Any other items that you see as needed!



The problem will be judged on:

- Uniqueness
- Creativity and effectiveness
- Ability to be solved and presented to others (Does it make sense?)
- Presentation materials of the problem
- Neatness of the problem book, synopsis and cover art
- Clarity of the problem and its associated materials

There will be no clarifications for this problem!

Submission process / review process:

Solutions must be submitted to the committee on or before **March 16, 2019**. All items must be received by this date, not postmarked! All submissions will become the property of Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind. 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 Creativity Unlimited in Pennsylvania (CUinPA) Board and OotM alumni representatives around the state. The winner will be notified by the CUinPA Association Director on or before March 31, 2019. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind State Finals Tournament at Pocono Mountain School District's East Campus on **April 6, 2019**.

All submissions should be sent to:

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