



PENNSYLVANIA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

**THE ORIGINAL WORLDWIDE
CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING
STEAM PROGRAM**



3,000 students on 450 teams
across Pennsylvania solve their problems
at K-12 schools, colleges, and
community organizations each year.



Over 5,000 students
from dozens of countries
compete at World Finals.



THINK BEYOND THE BOX

Through solving open-ended problems, students develop creative-thinking skills that can be applied to real-life situations. Each year, tens of thousands of students take part in Odyssey of the Mind, the original STEAM education program established in 1978.

Schools and organizations form teams of seven students in the fall. The students spend months developing a solution to their *long-term problem*, which varies from technical to theatrical. Each problem comes with specific guidelines including a cost limit, time limit, and scoring rubric. All aspects of the solution including costumes, props, scenery, and technical devices must be original creations of the students.

The students present their solutions at tournaments across PA each spring. The day of competition, teams also receive a secret *spontaneous problem*, which emphasizes teamwork and quick-thinking.

The top teams advance to World Finals to meet up with thousands of students from across the US and around the world!

IT'S ABOUT SKILLS

- ✓ Budgeting
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ History
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Performing Arts
- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Public Speaking
- ✓ Risk Taking
- ✓ Sportsmanship
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Technical/Computer
- ✓ Theatrical/Acting
- ✓ Time Management
- ✓ Visual Arts
- ✓ Work Ethic
- ✓ Writing

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Our program is run entirely by unpaid volunteers! PA Odyssey of the Mind is administered by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Creativity Unlimited in PA.

The safety of our students and volunteers comes first. In these uncertain times, our tournaments may be held virtually.



GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS!

Your first year is on us! We award over \$5,000 in grants to schools and educational organizations across Pennsylvania each year. Questions? Email grants@paodyssey.com or call (646) 265-2620

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