



2024 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 to a Pennsylvania senior who most nearly embodies the spirit of and demonstrates the creativity so coveted by Odyssey of the Mind. Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the committee. 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 at 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 a valid e-mail address and phone number with submission.

PROBLEM: "Under the Odys-SEA"

You are a marine biologist on OMER's expedition studying weird and wacky deep sea life, and you've just discovered a brand new creature unlike any other! Now, the scientific world is waiting for you to unveil your findings. Your problem is to design and create a 2D or 3D rendering of any size (so long as details are viewable) of the sea creature's physical appearance, as well as a "scientific" and "common" name for the creature. To showcase your extensive research on the subject, you must create a written description of the sea creature that includes at least five "fun facts." The details you include about the creature in your write-up are solely up to you! Emphasis will be placed on uniqueness, creativity, and quality of your new discovery.

Your submission must include the following requirements:

- A "scientific" and a "common" name for the creature (ex: Carassius Auratus and goldfish)
- A 2D or 3D render of the appearance of the creature (up to 5 total photos/videos)
- A written description of the creature that includes at least 5 "fun facts"

Your submission cannot include the following:

- **CANNOT** show the name, voice, and/or appearance of the applicant, past and present teammates, or coaches/judges involved in the program in the photographs/videos or write-ups (Everything must be completely anonymous!)
- **CANNOT** include photoshopped or computer-generated elements used to enhance photos/videos such as photo filters, Word Art, digital graphics, or other effects



The problem will be judged on:

- Creativity of the creature's names and description
- Uniqueness of the creature's design
- Creativity of the creature's rendered appearance
- Overall quality

There will be no clarifications for this problem!

Digital Submission Format Requirements:

Please use the following formats based upon the type of submission!

- **PHOTO:** JPEG, PNG, GIF
- **VIDEO:** MP4, MOV
- **DOCUMENT:** PDF

Submission Process/Review Process:

Solutions must be submitted to the committee by **11:59pm March 23, 2024**. All submissions will become the property of Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind. Please include all materials for your application.

All submissions will be reviewed by the selection committee, which is composed 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 Alumni Representative on or before **March 30, 2024**. Presentation of the scholarship will be during the Awards Ceremony at State Finals **April 6, 2024**.