



PENNSYLVANIA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

2026 Line Mountain Scholarship Application

PA Odyssey of the Mind lost several members of our Odyssey family in a tragic accident in March 1998. We are 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 annual scholarships to Pennsylvania senior who most embody the spirit of and demonstrate 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.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must have been a team member 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.
- Applicants must be 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.
- Applicants must be continuing his/her education at a postsecondary institution for an academic year within one year of the date of high school graduation.
- Applicants must display the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind and submits a letter from a coach or membership contact person describing that spirit.
- Applicants must solve the following problem.
- In the event that the recipient cannot use the scholarship, it will go to a second choice applicant.
- Applicants must include a valid e-mail address and phone number with submission.
- All materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

Your problem is: “OMER For The Win!”

As an avid sports fan, OMER is itching to try out something new – brand new! Luckily, you just invented a new sport, and you need the help of OMER to test it out.

Your problem is to create a team sport for up to seven members per team that includes a rulebook outlining how to play and win/lose, a 2D or 3D diagram of the playing area, and a recycled material/item that can be incorporated into the sport in any way you choose. The sport can be anything and as simple or complex as you wish!

Emphasis will be placed on creativity, uniqueness, and overall quality.

Your submission must include the following requirements:

- A rulebook that briefly outlines the basic rules of the sport (including but not limited to how a team gains points or scores, how a team wins/loses, what teams use to play with)
- A 2D or 3D diagram of the field/arena/play area the sport takes place in
- A photograph of the chosen recycled material/item
- A brief description of how the recycled material/item is incorporated into the sport

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, AI generated elements, digital graphics, or other effects

The problem will be judged on:

- Creativity of the sport's rulebook and rules
- Uniqueness of the field/arena/play area's design
- Creativity of the application of the recycled material
- Overall quality

There will be no clarifications for this problem!

Please use the following formats based upon the type of digital submission:

- Photo: JPEG, PNG, GIF
- Video: MP4, MOV
- Document: PDF

Submission Process/Review Process:

Solutions must be submitted to the committee by 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, March 13, 2026**. 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 (CU in PA) Board and alumni representatives around the state. The winner will be notified on or before March 21, 2026. Presentation of the scholarship will be during the Awards Ceremony at State Finals at Pocono Mountain East on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

