

Dear Kansas Odyssey of the Mind Scholarship Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to attend college and apply for a **Kansas Odyssey of the Mind** Scholarship. Before completing your application, please read the entire application and guidelines to ensure you fully understand your responsibilities regarding the application. The Kansas Odyssey of the Mind Association will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

REQUIREMENTS FOR KOOTM SCHOLARSHIP

1. A class of 2009 graduating senior.
2. Plans to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or university.
3. A Kansas Odyssey of the Mind team member who has competed at the regional and/or state competition for a minimum of two years.
4. Complete and mail the following materials:
 - A. Your KOOTM Scholarship Application.
 - B. An individual essay, illustration, or photograph as described on the application: (This product may be used in promoting KOOTM in the future.)
 - C. A letter of recommendation from an Odyssey of the Mind coach.
 - D. A letter or recommendation from a school official (principal, vice-principal, or counselor.)

Please adhere to all guidelines when submitting materials. Only completed applications will be considered. **Faxed communications will be disqualified. Mail all materials to:**

**Karen Engle
506 N 5th Street
Madison, KS 66860**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL INFORMATION IS MARCH 16, 2009

The KOOTM Scholarship Committee will identify and announce the names of the scholarship recipients at the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition Awards Ceremony in Manhattan on March 28, 2009

KANSAS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. Applicant's Name and School (Type or print)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ School (____) _____

Social Security Number _____

II. Odyssey of the Mind Involvement

- Number of years participating _____ Currently on a team? _____
- Have you or your team received a Ranatra Fusca Award? _____ If so, when?
_____ For what? _____
- List the long-term problems you have worked on:

- List other Odyssey of the mind involvement, e.g., tournament official, coach, etc.

III. Personal Information

- Student's School Report (Please send an official transcript)
GPA _____ Indicate scale used: _____ Current class rank: _____ of _____ students
- What general field of college study is planned? _____
- What college/university do you plan to attend? _____

IV. Supporting Information (Must be returned with this form)

- Letter of endorsement by an Odyssey of the Mind coach.** Consider bright ideas in long-term problem solving and spontaneous, teamwork and leadership skills. (Limit to one page, double-space or hand printed.)
- Letter of endorsement by high school principal, vice-principal, or guidance counselor.** Consider the following: creativity and problem solving, overall performance and leadership in extra-curricular work and community activities. (Limit to one page, double-spaced or hand printed, on **school stationary**.)
- Essay, illustration or photo by the student** (select and complete **one** of the following:)
 - Essay by the student.** (Choose one of the following topics – must be double-spaced or hand printed and **limited to one page**.)
 - The Odyssey of the Mind Pledge: "Let me be a seeker of knowledge.
Let me travel uncharted paths,
And let me use my creativity to
Make the world a better place
In which to live."
 - Odyssey of the Mind As a Significant Force in my Life—Past, Present, and Future
 - The Importance of Creativity in Tomorrow's World
 - 8 x 10 Illustration** created by the applicant expressing the spirit of Odyssey of the Mind with half page written explanation (double-spaced or hand printed). The illustration **will not** be returned
 - Photograph of an Odyssey of the Mind Product** created by the applicant expressing the Spirit of Odyssey Mind with a half page written explanation (double-spaced or hand printed). The photograph **will not** be returned.

V. Application Deadline For Receipt of All Information is March 16, 2009