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 at least one scholarship to a graduating senior.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR KOOTM SCHOLARSHIP**

1. A class of 2022 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:
	1. Your KOOTM Scholarship Application.
	2. An individual essay, illustration, or photograph as described on the application. NOTE: This product may be used in promoting KOOTM in the future.
	3. A letter or recommendation from an Odyssey of the Mind coach.
	4. A letter of 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:

Shelley Ballard

11940 N. Valley Farm Road

Sedgwick, KS 67135

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL INFORMATION IS MARCH 1, 2022**

The KOOTM Scholarship Committee will identify and announce the name(s) of the scholarship recipient(s) at the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition Awards Ceremony on March 5, 2022.

**APPLICANT’S NAME AND SCHOOL**

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| Name: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. | Alternate Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Social Security Number: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email: Click or tap here to enter text. |

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND INVOLVEMENT**

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| Number of years participating: Choose an item. | Are you currently on a team? Choose an item. |
| Have you or your team received a Ranatra Fusca Award? Choose an item. | When: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| For what? Click or tap here to enter text. |
| List the long term problems you have worked on: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| List other Odyssey of the Mind involvement, e.g. tournament volunteer, coach, etc. Click or tap here to enter text. |

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| Student’s School Report (Official transcript is required) |
| GPA: Click or tap here to enter text. | Indicate scale used: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current class rank: Click or tap here to enter text. of Click or tap here to enter text. students  |
| What general field of college study is planned?Click or tap here to enter text. |
| What college/university do you plan to attend? Click or tap here to enter text. |

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION** (Must be returned with this form)

1. **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 spaced.
2. **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 activities. Limit to one page, double-spaced, MUST be on school stationary.
3. **Essay, illustration, or photo by the student.** Select and complete ONE of the following:
	1. **Essay by the student.** Choose one of the following topics – Limit one page, double spaced
		1. 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.”

* + 1. Odyssey of the Mind as a Significant Force in My Life – Past Present, and Future
		2. The Importance of Creativity in Tomorrow’s World
	1. **8 x 10 Illustration.**  Created by the applicant expressing the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind with a half page double-spaced written explanation. The illustration will NOT be returned.
	2. **Photograph of an Odyssey of the Mind Product.**  Created by the applicant expressing the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind with half page double-spaced written explanation. The photograph will NOT be returned.