

Application for
2025 Gulf Coast Region Odyssey of the Mind College Scholarship

**THIS APPLICATION MUST REACH THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR BY
JANUARY 15, 2025. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

You are eligible to apply for this scholarship if:

- ✓ You are a high school senior who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2025, **and**
 - ✓ You participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program as a TEAM MEMBER for a minimum of three years. The years of participation do not have to be consecutive, but two of them must have been in the Gulf Coast Region.
- I. **Please type all responses.** Use a standard font no smaller than 12 point. Leave one-inch margins on all sides. Be sure to include all required information. Your application will be judged by the Regional Board for experience, clarity of answers, and your commitment to the ideals of the Odyssey of the Mind Program. As all good Odyssey members know, the subjective opinion of the judges is final.
- II. Your application should have two parts:
- A. A personal resume listing your name, date of birth, address, cell phone, email address, GPA, current school, all pertinent college entrance exam scores, work experience, honors, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, and volunteer service to the community; be sure to include which years you participated in Odyssey of the Mind and **in what capacity**; list three adults whom we can contact as references (include titles and phone numbers)
 - B. Well-written answers to the following questions:
 - 1) What are your college plans?
 - 2) What was the most important lesson that you learned as a result of your participation in the Odyssey of the Mind Program?
 - 3) How will you “give back” to Odyssey of the Mind?
 - 4) How will you use the lessons you’ve learned in Odyssey of the Mind in your future life and career?
 - 5) What advice would you give a young person who’s trying to decide whether or not to join an Odyssey of the Mind team?

The Gulf Coast Regional Board plans to award up to four scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,200 at the awards ceremony of the Regional Tournament on February 15, 2025. If awarded a scholarship, you’ll be expected to pick it up in person at the awards ceremony. Please email, courier, fax, or mail completed applications **by the deadline** to:

Freda Abercrombie, fabercro@pasco.k12.fl.us, T.E. Weightman Middle School or
4846 Darlington Road, Holiday, FL, 34690, fax 813-794-0291