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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

VOICES established a scholarship for students who have participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program for one or more years. Odyssey of the Mind seeks to develop skills in creative problem-solving, teamwork, perseverance, and good sportsmanship. The recipient of this scholarship will be a current high school senior or college undergraduate who demonstrates these qualities. A ***VOICES*** scholarship in the amount of **$500.00** will be awarded to a Virginia student who will be attending any university, college, community college, or specialized school a minimum of 9 semester hours in the fall following the year of award.

This scholarship will be awarded for four consecutive years to one student as long as the student is enrolled as a full-time student. **Any current graduating high school senior or undergraduate college student may apply.**

To ***VOICES*** Scholarship Applicants:

Thank you for choosing to apply for a ***VOICES*** scholarship. In order to be considered, your application must be completed in full and **received no later than February 28, 2026,** two weeks prior to the VA Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament. See tournament date on VOICES website (http://vaodyssey.org).

Your application must include:

1. **The Scholarship Application Form**
2. **One letter of recommendation**. Your letter can be written by your Odyssey of the Mind coach; high school administrator, counselor, or teacher. It should not be written by a parent. The letter of recommendation should be no longer than a page, and should address your problem-solving capabilities, teamwork, perseverance, creativity, and sportsmanship. Therefore, you are encouraged to choose a person who is familiar with those qualities in you. Ask the person completing your letter to place their letter in an envelope and seal it before returning it to you.
3. **Responses to both (a) and (b) below.** Your response may take any form, format, or style you wish.
   (a) How has Odyssey of the Mind contributed to making you the person you are today?
   (b) Design a problem that could be used in spontaneous competition. It may be verbal, verbal hands-on, or hands-on. Include charts or pictures and scoring information as appropriate. Then indicate one or more solutions to the problem that could be considered "creative."

Return your completed Application Form and supporting materials to:

VOICES Scholarship Committee
C/O David Tsuda
42793 Littlehales Terrace
Ashburn, VA 20148

The scholarship recipients will be announced at the state tournament. If a recipient is not present, they will be notified by mail.

VOICES SCHOLARSHIP FORM
Odyssey of the Mind Program 2026

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Current School: _____ VA OotM Region:_____

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Phone: (_____)_____ E-Mail _____

What field of study are you pursuing? (e.g., computer technology, medicine)

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What educational institution are you attending or planning to attend?

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Involvement in Odyssey of the Mind

Year	Problem	Division	Awards if applicable

Other roles in which you have served that demonstrate creativity, problem solving and/or teamwork.

2. **Letter of Recommendation**.

3. **Responses to both:**
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    (b) Design a problem that could be used in spontaneous competition.