

# WILLIAMS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND APPLICATION FORM

Student Name:

Grade:

Complete and turn in the application to Ms. DellaRocco by Septemeber 23, 2016.  
**Parents and participant must sign commitment form.**

Students will be notified by letter on September 30,2016. The first meeting will be a parent/participant meeting on October 4, 2016.

Selection criteria: Selection of students will be based on varying talents throughout entire team, teacher recommendation, GPA 3.0 or higher, and availability.

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to work outside school hours?

\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to make this your #1 priority on meetings days?

\_\_\_\_ Do you enjoy letting your creative side show?

\_\_\_\_ Do you enjoy performing in front of people you may not know?

Are you a talented artist, musician, do you enjoy building things, other special interests:

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Describe a personal strength that you feel would make you an asset to Odyssey of the Mind.

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Answer the following question to the best of your ability-BE CREATIVE!!  
**Why do camels have humps?**

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What other activities are you involved with during the school year?

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What else would you like me to know about you?

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**Parent Questions**

Parent participation is important to our teams. We will need judges and volunteers on the day of competition (March 4, 2016.) We must have both in order to receive full points at competition.

Are you available to judge or volunteer on competition day? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to help or coach during OM meetings (Tuesday and Friday, 230-345)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to take your child to a spontaneous workshop on a Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you fingerprinted for the district? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent and Participant Commitment Form**

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

### **What is the typical\* commitment for an Odyssey Participant and his/her parents?**

- Teams begin meeting 1-2 times per week. Meeting typically last 1-1.5 hours. Meeting dates, times, and locations are determined by the coach.
- Teams can only consist of 7 members. Once a group of 7 members begins working on the solution, none of the members can be replaced. Therefore, joining an Odyssey team is a commitment to remaining with the team until the Regional Tournament and beyond if required.
- **Outside of team meetings**, team members may be required to create props, gather materials, write scripts, come up with additional ideas, etc.
- Some teams go on field trips together such as to see an art installation or a children's theater production.
- Team parents are required to get team members to and from meetings, assist in gathering needed materials.
- May need to contribute some monetary amount to fund materials and team t-shirts.
- Some parents may be asked to coordinate field trips, contribute snacks, assist the coach with specific tasks, or donate items such as tape, paper, glue, scissors, fabric, etc.
- Some teams opt for additional practices as the regional tournament approaches. The regional tournament is at Bayside High School in Palm Bay. Parents will be required to provide transportation for their child and possibly props.
- Teams may progress beyond the Regional Tournament to the State Tournament, which typically takes place in April. Teams that progress will continue practicing until the State tournament at UCF Orlando. Parents will be required to provide transportation for their child and possibly props.
- Teams who progress to the State level may then advance to the World competition typically in Iowa. Attending the World Finals will require the team to fund the cost of travel, board and meals through either parent donations, fund raising efforts or some combination of both.

I understand all the commitments and would like to participate in Odyssey of the Mind:

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** Please give this form to another teacher you have worked with in this school. **Note: This form will be submitted directly to Ms. DellaRocco by the teacher; it will not be returned to you.**

Williams 2016-17 Odyssey of the Mind Team

Teacher Recommendation Form

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Recommending Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form below. This confidential form is a vital tool for selecting the 2015-16 Odyssey of the Mind (OM) team; therefore, please rate the candidate honestly and candidly. The student will not see your responses.

Please return this recommendation form to Ms. DellaRocco's box by Friday, November 6. Please do not return the form to the student. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your help!

Please rate using the following scale:

0-Strongly Disagree	1-Disagree	2-Somewhat Disagree	3-Somewhat Agree	4-Agree	5-Strongly Agree
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1. **This student displays leadership ability.** (They take on leadership roles in the classroom and in their community.)

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2. **This student is a collaborative worker.** (This student can work well with others and is a positive participating member of a group.)

0 1 2 3 4 5

3. **This student adheres to the Code of Conduct for Caring Habits.** (This student displays proper classroom behavior and a positive school attitude.)

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4. **This student is a self-directed learner.** (This student sets deadlines when asked to complete assignments and budgets their time wisely.)

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5. **This student displays strong problem-solving skills as well as a high-level thinking ability.** (This student embraces a challenge and is not easily frustrated when faced with a difficult problem.)

0 1 2 3 4 5

6. **This student demonstrates creative behavior.** (This student often sees things differently, is open to new ideas, and likes to experiment and try new things.)

0 1 2 3 4 5

Feel free to provide additional comments (including concerns) about the student on the reverse side