

Maryland and DC Odyssey of the Mind 2024 Alumni Scholarship

Maryland and DC Odyssey of the Mind is proud to announce the inaugural Alumni Scholarship. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academic performance. It is instead awarded to a Maryland or DC Omer who embodies the spirit of Odyssey by providing a unique and creative solution to a Problem put forth by the Board of Directors. All entries will be reviewed by the Board, and the team will determine the winner.

Application requirements

- Applicants must be a current high school senior or student enrolled in higher education or a vocational program. Students should provide documentation of acceptance or enrollment.
- Applicants should provide a letter from a coach stating that you were a member of a team that participated in Odyssey of the Mind for at least one year.
- Applicants must be involved in OotM as a competitor, coach, or judge/volunteer during the application year.

Please email solutions to alumni@mdodyssey.org by 11:59 pm on Sunday March 16, 2025. The winner will be announced at the state tournament on March 23.

The Problem: Up is Down and Down is UP

It's a typical day at school. Going from class to class listening to teacher after teacher... blah, blah blah. Suddenly you see a door that you never saw before. Like an elevator, it opens up in front of you and your inner voice says get in. You do. The door closes and you are immediately transported to another dimension where everything is backwards.

Describe in detail your adventure in this new dimension and how you return to your own. Include in your narrative the use of five standard objects that in this new dimension have a very different use/ability. Your job is to create a humorous and witty adventure that includes these five objects with very unique but plausible uses. You may include photos, diagrams, and illustrations with your narrative.

There will be no clarifications for this problem.