



Maryland & DC

Odyssey of the Mind

Jumpstart Grant

Are you interested in starting a new Odyssey of the Mind program? The Maryland and DC Association is proud to announce the MD/DC Odyssey of the Mind Jumpstart Grant, designed to support new memberships or memberships at schools that have not participated in the last five years and who have demonstrated financial need. Each eligible new program may receive reimbursement of up to \$600, which can include membership fees, tournament registration fees, and material expenses of up to \$100 per team.

All applications must be received by December 1st and reimbursement requests received by March 1st; we will publicly announce if the process is to close sooner.

Eligibility for a Jumpstart Grant is outlined below:

- The school or group must be a new membership to Odyssey of the Mind or have not participated in the last five years
- The school or group must qualify for the federal Title I funding or otherwise be able to demonstrate economic need
- Students participating in a Jumpstart-supported program must only be participating in that membership
- Membership coordinators and coaches for grant-funded memberships should expect to attend a coaches' training and pre-tournament meeting

Applications are reviewed for eligibility and reimbursements processed on a first come, first serve basis. Any individual membership approved for participation is guaranteed reimbursement for a minimum of \$390 in eligible expenses.

To apply for the grant, please fill out the [Google Form application](#).

