



# Odyssey Scholars Program

Admissions Application  
2017-2018

## A Message from the Director of Programs

I am so glad that you have chosen to apply to be an Odyssey Scholar! Odyssey is an incredible experience, a hallmark of the qualities that mark your generation: innovative, progressive, flexible, individual, and inspired by social justice and sustainability. There are just twelve positions available, and accepted students will be offered up to a full scholarship to attend Odyssey High School through graduation. Odyssey Scholars are exemplary students who are motivated leaders, students who are inspired by the values of the school, and who are inspired to take action to pave their own path to success.

Through the completion of your application, we hope to gain some insight into you as a student and as a citizen. Odyssey High School strives to create a learning environment that equips students with both academic skills and citizenship, cultivating lifelong learning and strong, creative community members who are skilled in building relationships and creating positive change in our world.

Though there are no set minimum requirements such as a particular grade point average, your application should show that you have the necessary academic background, motivation, and unique character necessary to be successful at Odyssey. Please feel free to include a personal statement if you feel as if your grades do not reflect your full potential.

If you are a rising **freshman**, your application will include two letters of recommendation, existing school records, a standard application, and the student-completed application supplement. To support the determination of financial award, families should also include a copy of the most current tax forms and a letter expounding on your family's need and specific aid request.

If you are a rising **sophomore** or **junior**, your application should include the above mentioned letters of recommendation, as well as an official transcript from your high school as well as any official SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores that you have taken.

One letter of recommendation should be written by a guidance counselor, extracurricular coach, teacher, principal, or headmaster; at least one letter should be written by a teacher in whose class you are currently or were most recently enrolled. Each letter should comment on your strengths, work ethic, and growing edges.

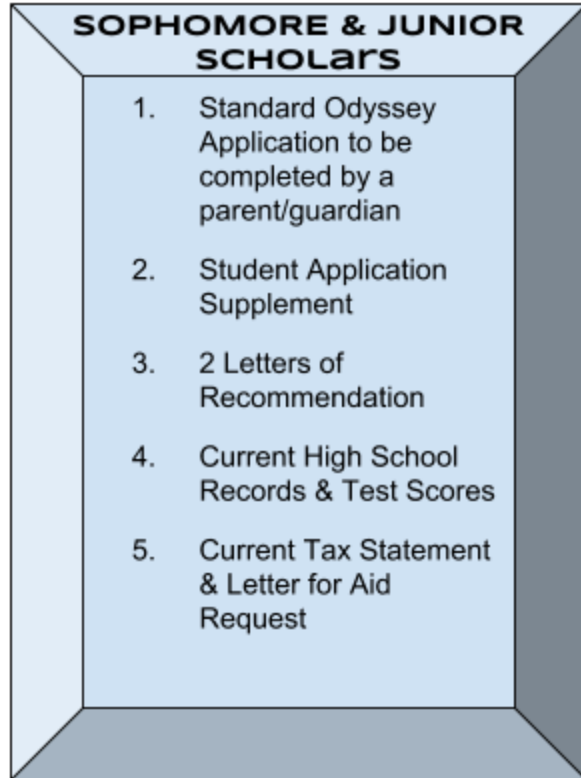
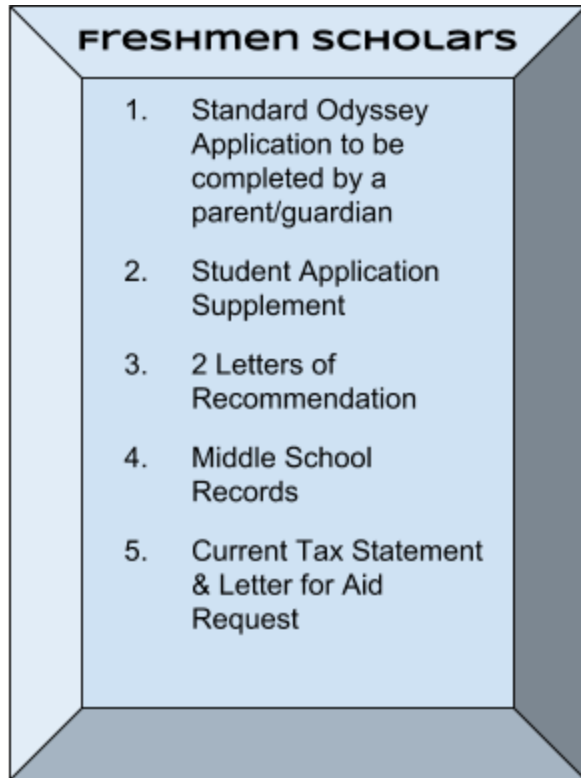
While our initial deadline is March 7th, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all scholarships have been awarded. We are looking forward to reading your application, and are grateful for your interest in pursuing a greater depth in your education.

With gratitude,

Megan McCarter Martell  
Director of Programs

# In Review

Please submit the following application materials, noting that scholarships are awarded with preference to those applications received prior to March 7th.



The Standard Odyssey Application and Student Application Supplement are included in the following pages.

# 2017-2018 Application Form

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Our community is founded on the principals of Design and Integral Learning: a lifelong adventure that ignites, innovates, and supports the fulfillment of self, society, and the greater field of life.

For Academic year:

Grade:

Student's full name (as it should appear on school records): First, Middle, Last

Commonly used first name

Date of Birth: (M/D/Y)

Present Age

Home Phone (include area code)

Parent/Guardian #1 Email Address:

Parent/Guardian #2 Email Address:

Parent/Guardian #1 Cell Phone #

Parent Guardian #2 Cell Phone #

## Family Information

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name

Home Address (include city, state, zip)

Home Address (include city, state, zip)

Relationship to Applicant

Relationship to Applicant

Nature of Work: Position

Nature of Work: Position

Employer

Employer

Business Telephone (include area code)

Business Telephone (include area code)

Step-Parent Full Name (if applicable)

Step-Parent Full Name (if applicable)

Home Address

Home Address

Relationship to Applicant

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Business Telephone (include area code)

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Student lives with (check any that apply):

Father     Mother     Stepfather     Stepmother     Other     Guardian

Please check any that apply:

Student adopted     Parents divorced/separated     Mother remarried  
 Father deceased     Mother has custody     Father remarried  
 Mother deceased     Single parent household     Father has custody  
 Joint Custody     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you in any way dissatisfied with your child's previous school environment?  
Please explain:

Please comment on your child's strengths, challenges, special needs, and special interests.

Please respond to the following by indicating whether your child is:  
advanced                      on target                      slightly delayed                      delayed

1. physical self-care
2. interactions with peers
3. interactions with adults
4. ability to focus and complete tasks
5. ability to understand spoken directions
6. coordination (large motor dev.)
7. letter symbol formation (fine motor dev.)
8. ability to understand written directions
9. responsibility
10. honesty/integrity

Does the applicant have any physical impairments or allergies which would in any way affect participation in the full range of school activities?  
 Yes                       No

Does the applicant have any recent serious physical or emotional illness which requires, or has required, the care of a physician?  
 Yes                       No  
If the answer to either question is "yes", please give details:

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have discipline issues either for you or for others? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain.

How likely is your child to distract or be easily distracted by others?

Has your child been recommended for evaluation, or been evaluated or been identified as having learning differences, developmental delays, visual or auditory processing difficulties, or behavior or emotional disorders (ADD, ADHS, bipolar disorder, OCD. etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_. Do you suspect that your child may have any of the above delays or differences? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain.

Has medication been recommended or been taken by your child to address any of the above diagnoses? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain.

Is your child seeing a therapist? If so, please list their name(s) and business phone numbers below:

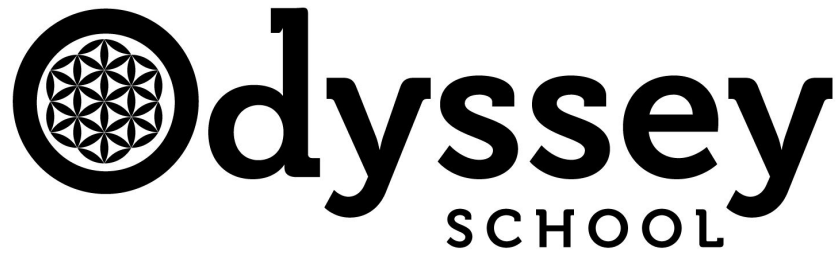
If your child has been evaluated by one or more specialists, please list their name(s) and business phone numbers below.

Failure to disclose information could result in your being required to withdraw your child and forfeit tuition.

While we can successfully work with students with varying learning styles and needs, limits exist in the range and number of needs that we can serve effectively. Odyssey teachers will observe your child closely the first five school days that he/she is enrolled and if significant concerns arise regarding the appropriateness of your child's placement at Odyssey, we will contact you for a conference. We reserve the right to dismiss a child whose needs we determine we cannot meet.

I certify that all information that I have provided on this application is accurate and authorize the release of all information from evaluation specialists and previous teachers to teachers and administrators at Odyssey Community School.

Signature (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Odyssey Scholars Application  
Student Supplement

To be completed by the applicant for Grades 9-12

Name of Applicant:

Current Grade:    8       9       10       11

How did you become interested in Odyssey High School and why do you want to attend?

What school do you attend now? What do you like and dislike about your experience?

List all other schools you have attended since 6th grade.

Name of School	City	State	Dates Attended

If you have attended more than one other school, please explain the reason why.

What are your interests outside of school? Please list these in order of meaning to you, with the most meaningful listed first.

Interest	Approximate hrs/wk dedicated	Supporting Organization, Program, Teacher, Books or Online Resources, School, or Self-Directed
ex: Martial Arts	1.5 hrs/week	Dragon Phoenix Kung Fu
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

## ESSAY

The faculty and administrators at Odyssey Community School would like the opportunity to hear more about who you are and to hear how you express yourself. Remember to use everything you have learned about writing well. Answers should be your own work and should reflect your authentic feelings and ideas.

Please respond to **one question** below, your choice, in a well-organized short essay (500-1,000 words).

- Write about a personal, national, or global event that has shaped your life or way of thinking
- Explore a time in which you made a difference in your community (family, friends, local or global).
- What outrages you, and why? What is the light at the end of the tunnel?