

**Emerald Coast Odyssey of the Mind**  
**Naomi Barnes Memorial Scholarship**  
**2025-2026 Application**

**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026**

The Emerald Coast Regional Board of Florida Odyssey of the Mind is pleased to offer the Naomi Barnes Memorial Scholarship. This college scholarship is available to current high school seniors for the 2025-2026 school year, who have actively participated in Odyssey of the Mind.

**Eligibility:**

- Current high school senior who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2026
- High school GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Participation in Odyssey of the Mind for a minimum of two years
  - \* Note: The years of participation do not have to be consecutive, but one of them must have been as a team member, and one of them (could be the same year) must have been in the Emerald Coast Region.

**Your application must include the following information:**

1. A completed ECOM Scholarship Application Form. (can be handwritten, but must be legible)
2. An official copy of your senior year, first semester transcript.
3. Letters of Recommendation from three adults whom we can contact as references (each must include title, phone number, and email address).
4. A well-written essay (NOT in bulleted format) with answers to the following questions:
  - a. What are your post-secondary plans?
  - b. What is your experience with Odyssey of the Mind? Include details about your team experience and other volunteer roles you've taken in the program (judge, worker, etc.).
  - c. How have you contributed to Odyssey of the Mind?
  - d. What was the most important lesson that you learned as a result of your participation in the Odyssey of the Mind program?
  - e. How will you use the lessons you've learned in Odyssey of the Mind in your future life and career?

Please type all responses (except for the ECOM Scholarship Application Form). Use a standard font between 12-14 point. Be sure to include all required information. Your application will be judged by a committee of Regional Board members for completeness, clarity of answers, and your commitment to the ideals of the Odyssey of the Mind Program. Failure to submit your completed

application by the due date, could result in your application not being considered.

**Completed applications and transcripts must be received by February 1st, 2026.**

**Send to: Natasha Peacock peacock.natasha@gmail.com**

## ECOM Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School GPA: Unweighted \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted \_\_\_\_\_

Date of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

What Post-Secondary Institution do you plan to attend?

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What is your planned field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Odyssey of the Mind Team Member Experience**

Complete each section to tell us more about your involvement in Odyssey.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>School/Membership Name</b>	<b>Grade Level and Problem</b>	<b>Competition Experience: Circle all that apply</b>	<b>Coaches Name &amp; Contact Info</b>
<b>Primary: K-2</b>			<b>Regional</b> <b>State</b> <b>World</b>	
<b>Division 1: 3rd-5th</b>			<b>Regional</b> <b>State</b> <b>World</b>	
<b>Division 2: 6th-8th</b>			<b>Regional</b> <b>State</b> <b>World</b>	
<b>Division 3: 9th-12th</b>			<b>Regional</b> <b>State</b> <b>World</b>	

### **Odyssey of the Mind Non-Team Member Experience**

(Include year, position, and duties: volunteer, coach, judge, official, etc.)