**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

(Please return to Mrs. Roppolo by Friday, November 6th. The participation fee of $15 must accompany this application (cash or check made payable to FHES). **Please print.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Past Odyssey Experience: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Odyssey Problem: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent will volunteer as: Coach Regional Volunteer/Worker Judge

(Circle one)

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My child has my permission to participate in Odyssey of the Mind. I understand that I am responsible for transporting my child to/from all practices and competitions. I also understand that he/she is to do all of the work, but I may help in other ways. In addition, I have included my $15 in cash or check (made payable to FHES).

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**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COACHING APPLICATION**

(Coaches must be approved school volunteers. **Please print**.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Previous Odyssey Coaching/Volunteer Experience:

I am interested in coaching: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (problem #)

 And/or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (grade level)

I want/don’t want my child on my team.

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving competition that gives students the opportunity to stretch their minds, work cooperatively towards a common goal and accomplish more than they ever dreamed they could. It takes dedication and commitment to complete this experience.

Parent permission is mandatory as each student’s family is expected to actively contribute to the team experience. The following information should be read carefully. Applications must be completed and returned by:

**Friday, November 6th, 2015**

**Main Rule: The students must do ALL work.** NO outside assistance is allowed. Direct adult help in the problem-solving process will disqualify the team, but adults can assist in directing the students to information or resources.

**The Teams:** Each team is composed of five to seven students, one or two adult coaches, one adult volunteer for the day of regional competition and one adult regional judge. This judge will also have an additional full day training commitment. Total adult help for each team is four adults.

**Team Meetings:** Each team is responsible for setting its own meeting schedule and location. Most or all meetings will be held outside of the school day approximately once per week until competition gets closer. The last few weeks before competition may require more frequent meetings.

**Team Selection:** Decisions about team placement will be made after all applications have been returned and student/parent interest is measured. Students will be placed as soon as possible or on or after:

**Friday, November 13th, 2015**

**Cost:** Each student will pay a $15 participation fee at the time of application. Make checks payable to FHES. No money will be returned after the 2nd team meeting. The rest of the costs associated with competition will be covered through fundraising and a small supplement provided by the District.

**Important Dates:**

Organizational Meeting: **Thursday, November 19th, 2015 at 5:30 in the media**

Coaches Training: **Saturday, November 14th, 2015 9:00-11:30 at Rushe MS**

 **Saturday February 6th, 2016 9:00-11:30 at Weightman MS**

Regional Competition: **Saturday, March 5th, 2016 7:00-6:00 at Weightman MS**

State Competition: **Saturday, April 9th, 2016 at UCF, Orlando, FL**