

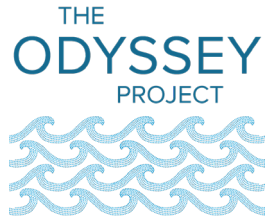


2023-2024 The Odyssey Project Application

- 1.** Please fill in the information requested in the attached pages. If you are not at least 18 and income eligible, please describe your special circumstances in the space provided. **If you have questions about this form, email Rebecca Amato at rebecca.amato@ilhumanities.org or call at 312-374-1550.**
- 2.** The **application deadline is June 15, 2023**. Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the coordinator. Selected applicants will be contacted by the coordinator for follow up.
- 3.** You cannot save this application, so if you leave this page without submitting, any information entered will be lost.
- 4.** For the health and safety of all members of the Odyssey community, Illinois Humanities strongly recommends, but does not require, vaccination against the COVID-19 virus. In-person instruction will take place on the South Side at the Carruthers Center in Bronzeville, on the North Side at Haymarket House in Uptown, and on the Southwest Side at Brighton Park Public Library (in Spanish).



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Please choose the site where you would like to take classes (circle only one):

North Side (Uptown)

South Side (Bronzeville)

Legal Full Name (First and Last) _____

Preferred Name (if applicable) _____

Gender (circle one):

Female

Male

Trans male/trans man

Trans female/trans woman

Gender-queer/ gender non-conforming

Different identity (please explain): _____

Mailing Address (this should be an address where you can reliably receive mail on a regular basis)

Street Address: _____

Apartment or Unit Number: _____

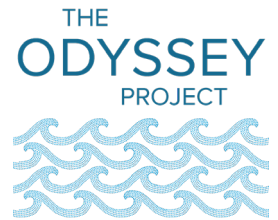
City: _____

State _____

Postal / Zip Code: _____



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Main Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Is this a mobile/cell, home, or work phone number? _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Is this a mobile/cell, home, or work phone number? _____

Email address (this should be an email address you check regularly):

**Are you at least 18 years of age, or will be 18 years of age by August 1, 2023?
(circle one)**

Yes

No

Have you applied to The Odyssey Project in the past? (circle one)

Yes

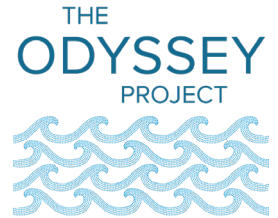
No

If you answered "yes" to the above question, when did you apply to The Odyssey Project?:

How did you learn about The Odyssey Project? If you were referred by an individual or organization, please provide the name.



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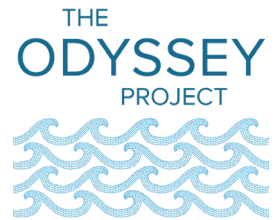
To determine whether you are income eligible for The Odyssey Project, first determine the **NUMBER OF PERSONS** in your household, then look at the **ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME** level on the same line in the next column, and then answer “yes” or “no” on the same line in the next column if your yearly household income is **LESS** than that level:

Persons in Household	Is your YEARLY household income LESS than.....	Yes or No (write “yes” or “no” below)
1	\$21,870	
2	\$29,580	
3	\$37,290	
4	\$45,000	
5	\$52,710	
6	\$60,420	
7	\$68,130	
8	\$75,840	

If you do **NOT** meet income-eligibility requirements, but have special circumstances we should consider, please explain here.



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In special cases we can offer some help with public transportation costs for students meeting in-person. Do you require financial assistance with transportation in order to attend class? (circle one)

Yes

No

Please describe your transportation assistance needs.

In special cases we can offer some help with child or elder care. Do you require assistance with child or elder care in order to attend class? (circle one)

Yes

No

Please describe your child or elder care needs:

Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed. You do not need to have completed high school, in order to participate in The Odyssey Project. The Odyssey Project is ONLY available to people who HAVE NOT already completed a Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A./B.S.) degree. (circle one)

Did not complete high school

High school degree/GED

Certification program

Some college courses (no degree completed)

Associate's degree (A.A.)



Tell Us About Yourself

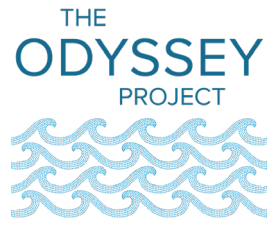
We'd like to know the following:

- Introduce Yourself: you may include whatever you like: your history, your interests, your academic experiences, good or bad, or anything else you would like to tell us.
- Why do you want to study the humanities (in this program, you will be studying history, literature, philosophy, art history, and college-level writing) and what do you hope to gain?
- What do you want to do or be able to do after taking this course?

To answer these questions, you can either have us call you to schedule a 30-minute interview OR you can answer them in the space below. If you prefer that we call you, please provide a phone number below where you can be reached Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.



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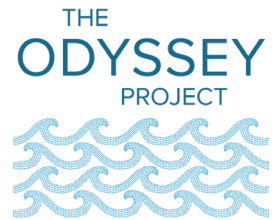


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Tell Us About Yourself (continued):



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By signing below, I affirm that the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that admissions decisions are made at the discretion of the director and coordinator based upon their best judgment.

Sign full name: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application! When you are ready, please mail it to us at:

The Odyssey Project
c/o Illinois Humanities
125 S Clark St Ste 650
Chicago, IL 60603-4048

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS POSTMAKRED BY THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 15, 2023