



"Because English is my second language, it is very hard for me to do the readings but I love the challenge. I have become more confident ... and I am a better mother. Gracias to everyone who helped me in this program."—Teresa Tellez-Giron, Odyssey Class of 2004



"Until I took this class, I never dreamed someone like me could think of college. My kids like telling their friends, 'My dad's going to college,' and now I think that'll be a goal they'll set."—Joe Robinson, Odyssey Class of 2004

Photos by Richard Baker, Bob Rashid, and Keith Meyer.

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THE ODYSSEY PROJECT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please complete both sides of this sheet and return it to: **Emily Auerbach, Odyssey Project Director, 21 N. Park St., Room 7468, Madison, WI 53705-1218; fax it to 608-265-2475; or leave it at the circulation desk of the Madison Public Library, South Madison Branch. Applicants who submit their materials before July 1 will be given priority.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Is English your first language? Yes No If no, what is? _____

I am a: U.S. citizen Permanent resident Other(specify): _____

Did you graduate from high school? Yes No If yes, year: _____ If no, highest grade completed: _____

Did you earn a HSED or GED? Yes No If yes, year: _____

Have you attended college before? Yes No

If yes, where, how many credits did you earn, and why did you stop? _____

What is your marital status? Married Divorced Separated Single Widowed

Do you live: Alone With parents With friends With spouse or companion With siblings

Other (specify): _____

Do you work? Yes No If yes, where: _____

What is your annual **household income** before taxes (everyone who lives with you in the same household)? _____

What is your annual **family income** before taxes (you, your spouse and children)? _____

Which, if any, entitlements (such as SSI, WIC, TANF) do you receive? _____

Do you have children? Yes No If yes, what ages? _____

Will you need child care to participate in this program? Yes No

On the back of this form or on a separate sheet, write a thorough statement describing yourself, your interests, and why you want to participate in this program.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students: The UW Odyssey Project admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities to students in the program. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

THE ODYSSEY PROJECT

What is the Odyssey Project?

If you face economic barriers, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Odyssey Project can provide you with a chance to start college. A team of UW-Madison faculty will lead you in lively discussions of great works of literature, American history, philosophy, art history, and music. Classes will also help you improve your skills in writing and critical thinking. The project director is Emily Auerbach, professor of English and recipient of numerous teaching, arts, and broadcasting awards. Many guest faculty and artists also join the class, and field trips to fine arts performances are arranged.

The program provides a variety of support services. You will receive individual help in writing, counseling on the process of applying to college, and guidance on financial aid.

Participants in the program are enrolled as University Special Students at UW-Madison. This status is not the same as regular undergraduate admission to the university, but it does carry many of the same benefits, such as library access, bus passes, etc. If you successfully complete the September-to-May program, you will receive six college credits.

Tuition for the program is free. Books and child care are provided without charge as well.

Cover photo of Odyssey Class of 2005 by Michael Forster Rothbart, University Communications, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Who can apply for the program?

To be eligible to participate, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- possess a high school diploma or GED/HSED
- have demonstrated financial need (income at or near the federal poverty level)
- possess the ability to read challenging books in English
- make a commitment to attend classes regularly and complete weekly assignments

Applications will be reviewed individually to determine if a potential student's needs match the program's goals. If you are considered for the program you will be invited to attend an information interview at the South Madison Library. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Enrollment is limited to approximately 25 students each academic year. **To find out more about the Odyssey Project please call Emily Auerbach at 608-262-3733, or e-mail eauerbach@dcs.wisc.edu.**

Where and when do classes meet?

Odyssey Project classes meet at the South Madison Health and Family Center–Harambee, located at 2202 South Park St. in Madison. Classes meet 6 to 9 pm each Wednesday from September to May, with breaks for holidays. Supper is provided beginning at 5:30 pm. Additional writing tutorials and advising sessions are scheduled throughout the year. DCS-MAC-279-1/10