

2022-2023 Chicago Odyssey Project Application

The Odyssey Project

A Clemente Course in the Humanities®

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, 2022**. Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the coordinator. Selected applicants will be contacted by the coordinator for follow up.

3. Be sure to take your time when answering the questions in the *Personal Statement* section.

4. For the health and safety of all members of the Odyssey community, Illinois Humanities requires proof of vaccination to participate in in-person courses. In-person instruction will take place on the North Side at Howard Area Community Center, on the South Side at Stony Island Arts Bank, and on the Southwest Side at Brighton Park Public Library. Acceptable proof of vaccination includes a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, an official immunization record from the location where the vaccine was administered, or a digital or physical photo of such a card or record, reflecting your name, vaccine brand, and date the vaccine was administered.

Illinois Humanities recognizes that a vaccination requirement may have a disproportionate impact on some communities. Individuals who are unable to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination for any reason, including because of a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act), may opt to participate in The Odyssey Project remotely via our designated virtual “site”, which will operate via Zoom. Students who wish to participate remotely and do not have access to a computer and/or WiFi may borrow equipment from Illinois Humanities.

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

Rogers Park

Greater Grand Crossing

REMOTE LEARNING SITE (Meeting via Zoom only, not in-person)

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 _____

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, 2022? (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	\$20,385	
2	\$27,465	
3	\$34,545	
4	\$41,625	
5	\$48,705	
6	\$55,785	
7	\$62,865	
8	\$69,945	

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:

Students enrolled at the REMOTE LEARNING SITE, which will meet via Zoom, will need access to a reliable computer or tablet and WiFi. Because COVID-19 still impacts our daily lives, there is also a chance that in-person classes will need to meet remotely via Zoom at some point during the 2022-2023 academic year. So that we are prepared to support you, please let us know if you have access to a computer or tablet and WiFi during class hours *in the evening*? (Note: We do have a limited supply of Chromebooks and hotspots available for loan.) (circle only one)

Yes, I have access to both a computer or tablet and WiFi.

I have access to a computer or tablet, but not WiFi.

I have access to WiFi, but not a computer or tablet.

No, I do not have access to WiFi OR a computer or tablet.

Other, please explain: _____

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 only one)

Did not complete high school

High school degree/GED

Certification program

Some college courses (no degree completed)

Associate's degree (A.A.)

Please write a short introduction of 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?

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What do you want to do or be able to do after taking this course?

Illinois Humanities and The Odyssey Project do not discriminate in education, employment, admission, or services on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, age, religion, national origin, or handicapping conditions. Illinois Humanities is fully committed to treating all personal information collected on our applications confidentially. We do not share or sell personal information with anyone. Contact information we gather is used solely by our staff for the purpose of contacting you or sending you information based on your requests.

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.

Type or 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:

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS POSTMAKRED BY THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 15,
2022**