

Dear 2006 NExT Scholarship Applicant,

We've tried to simplify the process of completing this form. We have used Microsoft Word's symbolics features and other forms tools to reduce the amount of input required from you. To that end, you will find that we have incorporated:

- Check boxes: Click once to turn them on, again to turn them off.
- Year selectors: Click on the Year field (or the down-arrow next to it) and an expanded list of years will be displayed. Click on the year that is appropriate for your needs at that point in the document. There is an entry the list of years that is blank - if you wish to "delete" a year after having first selected one, just select the blank entry in the list.
- Role selectors: As with our pop-up lists of years, there is a similar pop-up list for the role you played in any tournament year. Select the role that describes how you participated that year. There is also a "blank" entry in the list so you may "delete" an input if you so wish.
- Automated text replication: This may not be apparent at first, but we have reduced the need for you to type the same information over and over. Unfortunately, it doesn't show visibly on your screen until after you've printed the document, but here's what we've done to make your task a little easier:
 - Your SSN: This appears at the footer of every page, in case pages get jumbled after we receive them (we haven't done so with anyone's application yet, but an ounce of prevention...) Once you enter your SSN on page 1, it will be copied to the footer of all the other pages. [Note that we do not place your SSN on the last 2 pages, which are forms you should print and ask another person to complete for you. We intentionally left off your SSN as that is usually considered very private information, and the adults that are completing those 2 forms don't need to know your SSN].
 - Your Name, Address, E-mail address and School: Instead of your SSN on the last 2 forms, we use these values (which are generally considered readily available on many public lists). These values are copied from page 1 of your application so that you do not have to type everything again, perhaps even missing a field in the process.
 - Please don't be alarmed if, after moving to page 2 and onward, you do not see the above values on your screen where we described them to occur. For some reason that only Bill Gates knows, Microsoft decided not to update these values on your screen until **after** you've printed the document. Once you've printed the document, you will see these values on both your paper and your screen.
- **There are no macros in this document.** If, when you open the document, you were asked if you wanted to enable or disable macros, answer DISABLE to that question! You may have a virus, either elsewhere in your system or it was possibly attached to this file during your download process (it was scanned before making available for downloading). If you save your work and reopen the document later on, again, answer DISABLE to the macros question. Be sure to run a virus scan sometime soon!

It is because we chose not to use macros that we cannot force the immediate updates to the text replication mentioned above. Had we imbedded macros to force that to happen, you would see the updates immediately. However, you would get that warning about macros, and you would never be certain if it was our macro or a virus that was causing the warning.

This page is not needed by the Scholarship committee; including it will only increase your postage costs from 1 ounce to 2 ounces. We suggest printing only pages 2 through 8 (the next page all the way to the end), or throwing away this page if you happen to print it. **Please set your page margins, for the entire document, to 0.5" on all 4 sides before printing.** Please refer to the separate instructions (available on our web site) for filing dates and content assistance.

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship funds and your years of CPS involvement!

- The Scholarship Committee

NEXT Region CPSO Student's 2006 Scholarship Application

Applicant's Contact Information

Name _____
(Last, First Middle)

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Social Security # _____

E-mail address _____

School _____

I affirm that I meet the following Minimum Requirements for a NEXT collegiate scholarship:

- Currently, I reside within, and/or am a student at a school located within the NEXT Region's geographical area.
- I expect to graduate from High School (or grade 12 equivalent) between August 1, 2006 and July 31, 2006.
- I expect to enroll as a full-time student in a college or university, on or before October 1, 2006.
- I competed as a **Team Member** in a CPS Regional or Sub-Regional Tournament in 1 or more of the following tournament years: 2006, 2005, 2004 and/or 2003 (any Region of any State/Country).
- In all Regions of all States/Countries combined, I participated in CPS tournaments as a (**check at least 1**):
 - Competing **Team Member** in tournament years 2006, 2005, and 2004 (last 3 consecutive years).
 - Competing **Team Member**, for a total of 5 or more tournament years (any years).
 - Competing **Team Member, Team Manager, Tournament Official** and/or **Tournament Volunteer**, for a total of 7 or more tournament years (any years).

Evaluation Information:

Total number of **tournament years participating in CPS:** _____

- I have completed and attached the **CPS Involvement page** (**required**).
- I or my team(s) have received creativity awards in the past (**if so, please check, then attach the Awards page**).
- I have attached a 100 to 200 word essay titled "What Creative Problem Solving Has Taught Me" (**optional, please check**).
- I have completed and attached the **Life Involvement page** (**required**).
- I have requested an endorsement from a current or previous Team Manager (**required, see TM Endorsement page**).
- I have requested an endorsement from a community leader or representative (**required, see CL Endorsement page**).

Affirmation and Acknowledgement:

I affirm that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge and agree that, should my application be approved and I receive a NEXT scholarship, NEXT and TXCPSO may use the information contained in this application for promotional purposes without further compensation or notification. If I am under 18 year's of age at time of signing, a parent or guardian will witness my signature, then affix his/her own name and signature below. (Only hand-signed applications will be considered).

(Parent/Guardian Name, printed)

(Applicant's Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date of Signature)

(Date of Signature)

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Essay: "What Creative Problem Solving Has Taught Me"

The essay is entirely optional. If you chose to complete this form, please be certain to attach it to your application before submitting it. Your essay should be approximately 100 words long, but in no event should it be longer than 200 words. You do not have to use this particular page for your essay; you may use a blank sheet of paper, or your own letterhead if you prefer.

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Life Involvement

Please tell us about your interests and activities outside of CPS participation.

This page of information is a requirement for your application. Please be certain to attach it to your application before submitting it.

Statement of Recommendation for a NExT Collegiate Scholarship from a Current or Former Adult Coach/Team Manager

Name:
Address:
E-mail:
School:

The above named student is applying to receive a NExT Collegiate Scholarship. These will be awarded to those college-bound graduating seniors who have been actively involved in Creative Problem Solving competitions (most typically Odyssey of the Mind and/or Destination Imagination) throughout their school years. On this page, or another attached sheet, please offer a brief statement (approximately 100 words) about this student's CPS activities. Please mail it to **NExT Region Scholarship Committee, c/o Nancy Lamb, 17441 Marianne, Dallas, TX 75252**. It must be **post-marked between February 2 & April 2, 2006 and received by April 10, 2006**.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year(s) you have known this student: ____

Year(s) you have served as coach/team manager for this student's CPS activities: ____

Your Statement of Recommendation:

Statement of Recommendation for a NExT Collegiate Scholarship from a Community Leader, Representative, or Official

Name:
Address:
E-mail:
School:

The above named student is applying to receive a NExT Collegiate Scholarship. These will be awarded to those college-bound graduating seniors who have been actively involved in Creative Problem Solving competitions (most typically Odyssey of the Mind and/or Destination Imagination) throughout their school years. The evaluation committee for these awards is interested in learning about the student's non-CPS activities and other attributes. On this page, or another attached sheet, please offer a brief statement (approximately 100 words) about this student and his/her activities. Please mail it to **NExT Region Scholarship Committee, c/o Nancy Lamb, 17441 Marianne, Dallas, TX 75252**. It must be **post-marked between February 2 & April 2, 2006 and received by April 10, 2006**.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year(s) you have known this student: ____

Activity(ies) through which you have known this student: _____

Your Statement of Recommendation: