

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, CA LODGE #1**  
**Speech Contest Scholarship Application**

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased that you are considering applying for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, California Lodge #1 speech contest. Please be sure to read all instructions carefully. Contact information can be found below, don't hesitate to ask questions or request clarification.

Everyone at California Lodge #1 looks forward to reading your application and hearing your speeches. Good luck!!

Sincerely,

Meghan Ballard

Sister of Odd Fellows - California Lodge #1, San Francisco

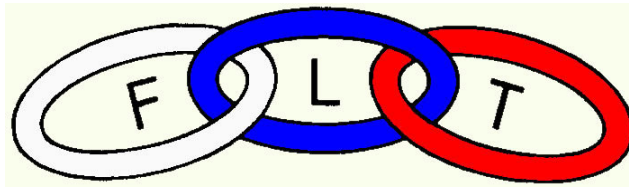
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In order to fully complete this application you will need to read, fill out, and attach the following pages in their entirety:

- I. Basic Information (p.5)
- II. Questionnaire (p.6)
- III. Attach List Containing Following Information:
  - a. Any Current and Past Activities Involved In
  - b. Any Current and Past Jobs
  - c. Any Current and Past Community Service Projects

**NOTE: You DO NOT need to send a copy of your speech with your application. But if chosen to move on to the speech round, be sure to bring a copy of your speech with you on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.**



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*Overview of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

**Brief History of Odd Fellows:**

In 17th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called "*Odd Fellows*." Odd Fellows are also known as "*The Three Link Fraternity*" which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on the North American Continent in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 26, 1819 when Thomas Wildey and four members of the Order from England instituted Washington Lodge No. 1. This lodge received its charter from Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in England.

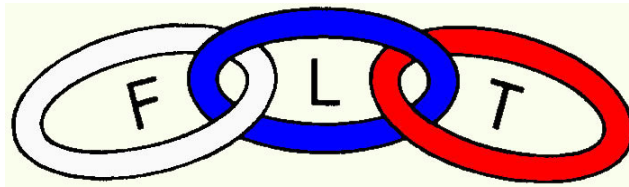
Odd Fellowship became the 1st national fraternity to include both men and women when it adopted the beautiful Rebekah Degree on September 20, 1851. The Honorable Schuyler Colfax, Vice President of the United States during the period 1868-1873, wrote this degree. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were also the first fraternal organization to establish homes for our senior members and for orphaned children.

**Mission:**

To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.

**Purpose:**

Improve and elevate the character of women and men.



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***Instructions and Information about Application***

- A completed application will include:
  - A completed Basic Information page,
  - Answers for each question on the Questionnaire page,
  - List of Activities, Jobs, and Community Service Projects involved in.
- Email applications by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to [ioof2010speech@gmail.com](mailto:ioof2010speech@gmail.com)
- ***Or*** you can mail a hard copy of the application by March 12<sup>th</sup> to:
  - 2767 Rosebud Ct., Union City, CA 94587

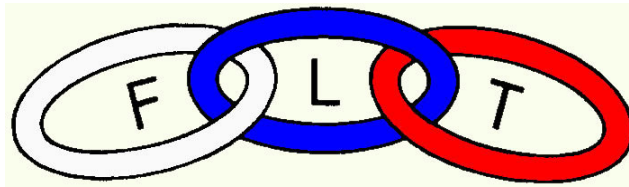
Qualifications:

- Must be currently enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Must attend a school in the city of San Francisco, CA
- Must have a strong commitment to education; have above a 2.5 GPA
- Must have aspirations of attending an institute of higher education
- Must be devoted to bettering their community

Logistics:

- **Application due no later than Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:59PM**
- There will be a screening process. Of all applicants that fill out and turn in the application in its entirety and on time will undergo an initial review.
- From those applications, roughly 15-20 students will be selected to move on to the speech round. **Those selected to move on will need to be available on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 from 12:30PM to 4PM.**
- After April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, winners will be notified within the week. Those that win will receive their prizes at the next official Oddfellows Lodge #1 meeting that generally occurs on Tuesday evenings. Further instruction will be provided if necessary.

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***Instructions and Information about Speech***

**Topic:**

Odd Fellows are also known as "*The Three Link Fraternity*" which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth. How do these three ideals play a role in your life?

**Rules:**

- Speech will be delivered on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at the assigned time slot sometime between 12:30PM-4PM.
- Limit speech to 5 minutes, give or take 30 seconds
- Must prepare and perform speech personally
- Memorization is strongly suggested, but contestants may use notes if desired

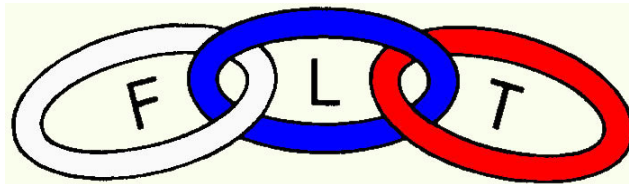
**Procedures and Judging:**

- **Speech Content (50%):** Research and effort to understand the history and values of Odd Fellows is key. Also, be sure to include various anecdotes that personify how you embody Odd Fellow values in your everyday life.
- **Speech Delivery (40%):** Clarity and flow of speech will be key. There is no penalty for using notes, but the use of notes may be taken into consideration in the case of a tiebreaker. Be sure to practice your speech, confidence makes all the difference.
- **Professionalism (10%):** When waiting for other contestants to give speeches, always show the upmost respect. Do not make funny faces, scoff, laugh inappropriately, or purposely try to throw the speaker off. Your mannerisms when in the audience are just as important as your mannerisms when speaking.

**Prizes:**

- First Place - \$450
- Second Place - \$250
- Third Place - \$100

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***Basic Information***

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Home/Cell – circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

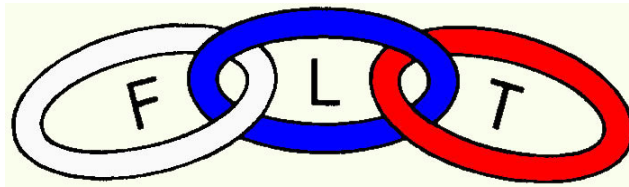
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Grade in High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Available Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> between 12:30PM and 4PM?      Y or N



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**Questionnaire**

Instructions:

- Answer all 4 questions.
- Please limit each answer to 150 words or less. You will not be penalized for having answers with less than 150 words, nor will there be a punishment for those that go over by 5-10 words. But answers that are clearly longer than 150 words will not be considered. So choose words wisely.
- Answer questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. What does the word “fraternity” mean to you?
2. If you could tackle any social justice issue affecting your community, the state, or nation, what would it be? Why?
3. Why do you want to pursue a higher education?
4. Once in college, how do you want to further your commitment to community service?

**REMEMBER:**

Correctly complete entire application and attach appropriate information. Check page 3 for all required information. If application is incomplete or completed incorrectly, may be subject to disqualification.

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