**OHIO CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**2020-2021 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY APPLICATION ESSAY**

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**Application Submission Guidelines:**

Please send your completed application form and essay to **(insert e-mail here)** by Sunday, April 12, 2020 by 11:59:59PM EST. Essays will undergo a blind review by two non-applying OCDA professional members with reference to the essay rubric.

To ensure unbiased, blinded review, please complete the following instructions to blind your essay with any identifying information:

*Save Word document as “OCDA PD Essay” > Click the “File” tab > Click “Info” > Click “Check for Issues” > Click “Inspect Document” > Check “Document Properties and Personal Information” > Click “Inspect” > Click “Remove All” under “Document Properties and Personal Information” > Click “Close”*

For your essay, write no more than one page\* (on the next page) in response to the following question:

**Describe your world of work and how you seek to develop your life-career success.**

Evaluation of essays will refer to the rubric below:

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| **Criterion x Quality** | **Not At All Reflective** | **Somewhat Reflective** | **Extremely Reflective** |
| **Description of World of Work** | Content is not reflective and is objective and addresses the general world of work | Content is semi-reflective of one’s own and the general world of work | Content is reflective of one’s own world of work |
| **Life-Career Success** | Content is not reflective of one’s own success and is objective to general life and career success | Content is semi-reflective of one’s life and career experiences that facilitate success | Content is reflective of one’s success as interdependent of career and life experiences |
| **Self-Reflection** | Majority to whole reflection is objective (written in third-person) | --- | Majority to whole reflection is subjective (written in first-person) |
| **Length** | Less than 0.5 page written | 0.5-0.75 page written | 0.75-1 page written |

\*Essays that surpass one single-spaced page will be disqualified.

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