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**ORAU seeks applicants for the 2015 Extreme Classroom Makeover**

*Local teachers within a 50 mile radius of Oak Ridge encouraged to file their intent to apply by October 15*

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.**—ORAU is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its \$25,000 Extreme Classroom Makeover competition. Now in its seventh year, the competition provides the latest educational technologies to update one teacher’s classroom. Interested teachers must file their [intent to apply](#) no later than October 15, 2014.

The contest is open to public school math and science teachers who teach grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and are located within a 50-mile radius of Oak Ridge, Tenn. Entrants must have the written consent of their principals and, if chosen, be willing to have their 2015-2016 classroom experience highlighted on the Internet and in various media outlets. Teachers, students and even parents whose children are benefiting from this initiative will be invited to blog about this year-long experience on the [Extreme Classroom website](#).

After submitting an intent-to-apply form, entrants will also be required to submit a full application and a 3-4 minute video that illustrates potential uses of technology and the need for technology in their classrooms. Check back on ORAU’s website after October 15, 2014 for information regarding the full video application.

For more information on the ORAU Extreme Classroom Makeover contest or to see how last year’s winner Mrs. Susan Silvey from Lake City Elementary School, has adapted to her new high-tech classroom, [visit http://www.orau.org/center-for-science-education/classroom-makeover](http://www.orau.org/center-for-science-education/classroom-makeover).

**2015 ORAU Extreme Classroom Makeover Timeline**

Intent to Apply deadline	Oct. 15, 2014
Full Application and Video Entry deadline	Jan. 30, 2015
Winner announced	End of March/First of April 2015

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