

CSUF DEBATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

General information:

1. Scholarships are only available to people interested in college debate. While we support a large individual events squad and encourage participation in that area, our funding for scholarships comes from an alumni who is interested in supporting debate.
2. Scholarships are only available to people interested in national competition. We have two debate tracks; our educational track is for students who want exposure to competitive debate but want to travel locally and have only limited time to commit outside of squad meetings. Our national level track is for students who want to focus on debate as their primary extra-curricular activity, dedicate 10-20 hours of time each week outside of squad meetings, and travel to 4-7 national and regional caliber tournaments a semester.
3. Our primary criteria for scholarship selection is motivation. You don't have to be a great debater at the start of our program, but you do have to want to do college debate. If you are only interested in debate if it will get you a scholarship, you should probably not apply. We are interested in students who want to be serious about competing in college debate at a national level and use scholarships to provide financial assistance to those who invest large amounts of time in competitions.
4. We will have other opportunities. There is additional scholarship money available for students who are successfully competing during the course of the year. The Lee Grannell scholarship is awarded each Spring by the Department of Speech Communication. In addition, we occasionally raise scholarship money at our high school tournament. We can also arrange for you to be hired to judge a number of high school tournaments, and can often compensate you for working with our high school students at the Daniel Webster Foundation. In short, this is your first opportunity for financial aid from debate, but successful competitors often receive additional money.
5. Compare the cost of tuition. For in-state students, tuition is about \$1,000 per semester. For out of state students the figure is about \$4,000. Graduates from our debate program have been very successful, especially in political and legal fields (for more information, visit the CSUF forensics website or see our brochure). There are two things to keep in mind when choosing a school. First, education at Cal. State Fullerton is a great bargain. The tuition is very low, but the debate opportunities are unlimited. Our debate team is as good as any in the nation; last year we placed 2 speakers in the top 10 at the National Debate Tournament.
6. Think about the long-term financial benefits to debate competition. Terry Giles was a CSUF debate graduate who went on to run the largest criminal law practice in the state of California; he attributes almost all of his success to participation in debate. The long-term financial advantage to successful

competition in debate is much more important than the limited cost of tuition. It is hard to think about this when you are trying to scrape up \$100 here and there to pay for tuition, books, and food, but even competing in debate without a scholarship can make a difference of tens of thousands of dollars down the road. In short, if you pick the school with the best debate program you are making the best financial decision.

DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

First, you should apply for admission to Cal. State Fullerton. If you don't have an application, you can contact the CSUF website at www.fullerton.edu or call at 714-278-2300. There is no application deadline, but you should try to finish your application as soon as possible. As a rule of thumb, you should complete your application by January, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Second, you should apply for financial aid through CSUF. Often, the award you get from financial aid will exceed what we can offer. The can also be contacted at the website or at 714-278-3125. The sooner that you can turn in the application, the better your chances are of receiving financial aid. In general, you should try to get the application in by January or February.

Third, you should complete this application and turn it in to Dr. Jon Brusckke by **APRIL 1**. We will try to notify recipients by April 10.

DEBATE RECORD

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

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Tournament attended Number of teams at tournament Record Awards

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

We are mostly interested in students who want to compete in collegiate debate at the national level. Please write a statement of intent that lists your goals for college, why you want to participate in debate, why you enjoy debate, how many hours a week you can commit to working on debate, and how many tournaments you would like to attend. You may include any other information that speaks to your desire to compete in college. The statement should be typewritten, roughly 1 double-spaced page long, and signed.

Attach as a separate document.

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