

Scholarships

A limited number of debate scholarships are available. In order to be considered for such a scholarship, a student must meet the requirements for forensics participation, and the guidelines of the scholarship.

Bulldog Novice Debate Scholarships

The Bulldog Novice Debate Scholarships were established in the summer of 2008 to promote critical thinking, persuasive ability, and didactic education. Their intent is to provide the education and opportunities necessary for promising, energetic and dedicated students to pursue a calling in which persuasive ability is key.

The Novice Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Never having competed in any format of debate at any level.
2. Achievement of a score of 25 or above on the ACT or the equivalent on some other scholastic achievement exam.
OR
Maintenance of a 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in high school or college.
3. Letters of recommendation from 3 sources who have had the opportunity to hear them speak in group or public settings.
4. Interviews with the Union Director of Debate and/or the Chair of the Department of Communication Arts

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This scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable grant. At the end of their first year, recipients of the Novice Scholarships will be eligible for Bulldog Debate Scholarships.

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The Debate Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrable success in some format of organized debate/forensics on the high school or collegiate level.
OR
Demonstrable success in some other activity requiring a similar skill-set to debate such as FBLA, Student Council, Youth Congress or Legislature, Youth Toastmaster's, etc.
2. Achievement of a score of 25 or above on the ACT or the equivalent on some other scholastic achievement exam.
OR
Maintenance of a 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in high school or college.
3. Letters of recommendation from 3 sources who have had the opportunity to hear them speak in group or public settings (including a debate coach).
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This scholarship is a renewable annually dependent upon the completion of the following criteria:

1. Attendance of 75% of all regional tournaments and attendance of the yearly championship tournament. This requires:
 - a. Participating in the requisite number of practice rounds to be eligible to travel
 - b. Winning the requisite number of practice rounds to be selected to travel
2. A tournament winning percentage of 50% or higher OR approval by the Director of Debate
3. Adherence to Union Debate rules of conduct and behavior both at practice sessions and during tournaments.
4. Maintenance of a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale on all classwork.