

Proposal to eliminate WFCA Scholarships, replacing them with the Ron Steinhorst Students of The Year and Creating the WFCA State Grant Program

After having spent the last six years trying to subsidize our scholarships and multiple conversations about how the association can better serve the membership, I am proposing to eliminate the WFCA scholarships, replace them with student awards and instate the WFCA State grant. The fundraising committee has established an online donation page that you are hopefully already aware of. We will collect funds over each year and then distribute however much money has been collected. This allows freedom in how much money we give, is only connected to how much is raised, and allows these funds to affect a larger number of students than our current scholarships.

Eliminate

“4. SCHOLARSHIP. Any senior on a WFCA affiliated forensic team is eligible to apply for a scholarship. The Awards Committee will select scholarship recipients. Scholarship forms must be submitted to the Past-President postmarked no later than February 15. The scholarships will be announced and presented at the State Tournament. The criteria for selection will be as follows: a. Acceptable grade point average; b. Extracurricular speech/drama participation, especially in WFCA sponsored events; c. Community/school service d. Completion of the scholarship application”

Replace with

4. Ron Steinhorst Students of the Year Award: Any senior on a WFCA affiliated forensics team is eligible to apply for the award. The Awards committee will select the winners. Forms must be submitted to the Past President no later than February 15th. These awards will be announced and presented at the State Tournament. The criteria will be as follows: a. Acceptable grade point average; b. Extra-curricular speech/drama participation, especially in WFCA sponsored events; c. Community/school service d. Completion of the application.”

Addition to the bylaws

5. The WFCA State Grant. Any team in good standing with the WFCA can apply for a grant for financial assistance to attend the WFCA State tournament. The Awards Committee will select grant recipients. Forms must be submitted to the Past President no later than March 15th. The criteria for selection will be as follows: a. Completion of the grant application. b. Completion of coach questionnaire, c. Completion of student essay.”