



Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association

~January 2025 Newsletter~

2025 Calendar

WFCA Scholarship Applications for Graduating Seniors

Due: Feb 15, 2025

[Application Materials HERE](#)

WFCA Coaching Awards *Hintz Memorial Award* *Hall of Fame Award*

Due: Feb 15, 2025

[Nomination Materials HERE](#)

WFCA State Grants

Due: March 15, 2025

[Application Materials HERE](#)

JUDGING RESOURCES:

- [WFCA Judge Handbook](#)
- [Judge Awareness & Affirmation](#)

COACH RESOURCES:

- [Informational Slides](#)—in progress!
- [Coach Forum](#)—Facebook
- [Judge Exchange](#)—Facebook

Welcome to the 2025 Season!

Opportunities. It's what forensic coaches create for their students. Our activity involves giving students the opportunity to explore their interests and passions and then the opportunity to present them by using their voice in speeches, acting, interpretation of literature, and congressional debate.

January through March there are 28 forensics tournaments along with 6 student congress tournaments. Also happening are conference tournaments, WISDAA qualifier events, and qualifier events for NCFL and NSDA Nationals.

Many thanks in advance to the tournament hosts who create these opportunities. They manage the logistics such as reserving the venue, setting up the registration in SpeechWire or Tabroom, getting volunteers, and planning for awards. What about extemporaneous speaking questions, impromptu prompts, and radio packets? Those too are all part of the dozens of items on tournament checklists.

The other half of tournament success is the attendees, with coaches submitting their registration, arranging for judges, and making sure that their students know that the bus leaves at 6:30 AM sharp! The students bring their enthusiasm along with their carefully crafted speeches and literature, ready to compete with (and make friends with) their peers from other schools.

The regular season leads up to all teams converging at the [WFCA State Tournament](#) at Vel Phillips Memorial High School in Madison on Saturday April 5, with the State Student Congress Tournament held the day before in Madison. Last year 63 schools participated with 752 entries.

There are a few more opportunities to emphasize. The annual [student scholarships](#) are awarded at the state tournament. You can recognize coaching excellence by submitting a nomination for the [WFCA Hall of Fame and Hintz Memorial Award](#).

An exciting development this year is that students have another opportunity to be heard using their voice. The [Student Advisory Committee](#) will serve as liaisons between the WFCA student body and the Executive Committee. **Students interested in serving as a [Student Officer](#) for a one-year term beginning April 2025 must submit an application by February 15.**

Best wishes to everyone for a successful 2025!

-Submitted by Scott Peterson, WFCA President, Eau Claire North

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