



Student Scholarship

General Information

At the state tournament the Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors from WFCA member schools. The number and amount of scholarships is determined by the executive board. All scholarships are presented to students who hold a high regard for communications and who have demonstrated advanced skills in the area.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a senior who participated in forensics at a WFCA member school.
2. Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

Directions to Student Applicants:

1. Complete the Biographical Information Form and the Activity Summary Form.
A PDF form which can be filled out with Adobe Acrobat / Reader or Mac Preview is available on the WFCA website at www.wfcaforensics.org
2. Write a scholarship essay of no more than 500 words addressing this topic:
Looking back on your high school forensics experience, what advice would you give to an incoming high school student who is considering a try at forensics? Please include at least one personal story that (directly or indirectly) provides insight into your own forensics journey.
3. Secure two letters of recommendation:
 - Letter #1 from your forensics coach
 - Letter #2 from an adult who is not a relative

Submission Instructions:

All scholarship materials should be arranged in order, placed in ONE large mailing envelope, and **mailed by your coach**. The envelope **MUST BE POSTMARKED** no later than **FEBRUARY 15** of the current school year and mailed to the Past-President of the WFCA. The Past-President's mailing address is listed in the Officer contact information on www.wfcaforensics.org.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will not consider materials postmarked after February 15. An incomplete application will disqualify the student from scholarship consideration.

Checklist of items to be mailed by your coach:

- Biographical Information Form
- Activity Summary Form
- Scholarship Essay (500 word maximum)
- Recommendation letter from your coach
- Recommendation letter from another adult



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Instructions to Recommendation Writers

Student Name _____

The Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association awards scholarships annually to students who have participated in high school forensics. They are presented to students who hold a high regard for communications and who have demonstrated advanced skills and leadership.

As you write your letter, please give special attention to personality traits so that we can become familiar with the student. These include, but are not limited to, leadership, motivation, disposition and dependability as well as their potential to succeed in college. Please add anecdotal information and details based on your first-hand knowledge of the applicant wherever possible.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you write your recommendation:

1. We would appreciate a typed letter of no more than two pages.
2. Your letter must be sent with the student's application materials. If you do not want the student to see your recommendation, you may place it in a sealed envelope with your signature written across the seal.
3. The student's coach is required to mail all application materials by February 15. Materials with a later postmark will disqualify the application. Please be prompt in returning your letter of recommendation to the student.

The WFCA thanks you for your time and effort!



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Biographical Information

Student Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Parents

Father/Guardian: _____
Last First Middle

Mother/Guardian: _____
Last First Middle

Local Newspaper

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

High School Information

Name of current school: _____

Mailing address of current school: _____

Other high schools you attended (if any): _____

School Record Please have your guidance office complete the following.

Overall G.P.A.: _____ Class Rank: _____ Out of: _____

GPA is _____ weighted _____ not weighted

Authorization

Signature: _____ Position or Title: _____



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Activity Summary

Attach additional pages if necessary

Forensics Background: List your experience in forensics. Include competitive categories, awards received, and WFCA State Tournament experience.

Other Speech Activities: Briefly describe up to **three** of your most significant experiences with other competitive speech activities (debate, model UN, mock trial, drama, etc.) as well as any non-competitive communication experience (such as theater or public speaking).

Other School Activities: Briefly describe up to **three** of your most significant club or team activities in school beyond forensics. These may include sports, music, academics, student governments, etc.

Outside of School Activities: Briefly describe up to **three** of your most significant activities outside of school (volunteer work, church, scouts, etc.).