

Speech & Debate Scholarship Requirements

(Fall 2017)

Academic Expectations

Participation in any scholarship co-curricular activity creates demands upon a student's time and energy. The scholarship standards listed here are designed to be safeguards against such situations. Their purpose is not to punish "bad" behavior but to protect against situations developing which will be difficult to correct. It is expected that all students participating in forensics will:

1. Receive no grade less than a "C." This would apply to both interterm and full semester courses.
2. Achieve a semester grade point average of at least 2.5.
3. Maintain the university's definition of "acceptable academic progress."
4. Fulfill any contract for incomplete grade within the time period specified by the contract.

Travel Expectations

Due to the investment that the university has made in scholarship students, it is expected that they have a more rigorous travel schedule than their peers. Students receiving scholarships in Speech & Debate will:

1. Travel at minimum on two regular season tournament weekends per semester.
2. Attend any tournaments hosted by Midland University Forensics.
3. Attend all post-season tournaments the team is attending including: AFA-NIET, NFA, NSC, NDPA, District Qualifiers, and State tournaments.

Practice Expectations

It is expected that all competitors demonstrate a commitment to consistent practice. This commitment can be demonstrated in a variety of ways but generally includes:

- Attendance at the full squad practice session. Monday 3:30-5:30 in AND 407.
- Participation in the coach-led debate or speech sessions.
- Active participation in the peer coaching process.
- Attendance in individual coaching sessions.
- Individual practice outside of official team functions.

Expectations of individual student practice:

- Standing coaching sessions should be viewed like a class, and students should arrive on time prepared to practice.
- Attendance at a minimum of one half-hour coaching or peer-coaching appointment per event per week.
- Practicing event(s) outside of official team functions.
- Other responsibilities as assigned by the coaching staff.