



2023-2024 Membership Application

The Christian School Speech & Debate League

Please complete all fields. Place an N/A in fields that do not pertain to your school.

School Information

School Name	School E-mail	
School Mailing Address	Address Line 2	
City	State	Zip Code
School Phone Number	School Website	
Name of Sponsoring Church	Denominational Affiliation	
Estimated Jr. - Sr. High Enrollment	School Association Affiliation	
Homeschool Hybrid / Co-Op Offered?	Classical School?	
Yes No	Yes No	
Other	Other	

Preliminary Questions

Does your school currently have a speech and debate program?

Yes

No

If so, does your school compete against other schools?

Yes

No

If so, what league does your school compete in?

How do you plan to structure your program?

Class

Club

Other

How did your school hear about the LFA?

What interests your school most about speech and debate?

Mail

E-mail

Phone

Publication

Conference

Another school

Other

Administrative Information

Name of school administrator

Name of school principal

Admin prefix for correspondence

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Principal prefix for correspondence

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Official position/title at school

Official position/title at school

Administrator direct phone

Principal direct phone

Administrator E-mail

Principal E-mail

Coach Information

Does your school have a staff member,
parent, or volunteer willing to coach?

Yes

Not yet

If yes, has the coach competed in
forensics before?

Yes

No

Coach Name

Assistant coach *(if applicable)*

Coach prefix for correspondence

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Assistant coach prefix

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Coach's position/title at school

Assistant coach position at school

Coach direct E-mail

Assistant coach E-mail

Coach direct phone

Assistant coach direct phone

Coaches Academy

The LFA provides an annual training academy for coaches before the competition season begins. It isn't mandatory for coaches to attend, but it is strongly suggested, especially for new coaches. The training academy provides extensive training in all areas of speech and debate -- best preparing schools to launch and develop a forensics program.

There isn't a separate fee to participate. Registration for the Coaches Academy is included with membership. For more information, visit www.LogosForensics.org.

Eligibility

The LFA speech and debate league is tailored exclusively for private Christian schools. Therefore, only private Christian schools who agree with the league statement of faith are eligible to become members.

Speech and debate is primarily a high school activity for freshmen through seniors (grades 9-12). However, junior high students (grades 7-8) can participate as well. Please note that there is not a novice and varsity division. Nor is there a junior high and high school division. All students compete together no matter their grade or age.

Membership & Duration

Both school and student memberships are required for participation in the LFA or any LFA sanctioned event. School and student memberships are valid for the entire speech and debate season, which runs the length of the school calendar. Speech and debate tournaments normally occur October through April each year. School and student memberships are renewed annually.

Registration for membership in the LFA requires that each school and participating student submit a complete membership application and pay appropriate membership dues. Once school and student membership registrations are complete, your staff and students are eligible to participate in league tournaments, events, and other offerings.

Additionally, during registration, each student completes a survey at the beginning of the speech and debate season. Students are ineligible to compete until both school and student membership registrations have been completed.

Dues

Membership dues are simple and all-inclusive. There are no surprise costs or hidden fees. School membership dues are \$300 per season. Student membership dues are \$60 per student per season. In-person tournament entry fees are separate from membership dues and are priced according to each tournament host. Membership includes all training, support, competition, virtual events, and resources.

School membership dues must be paid before students can register. Students must register prior to entry in tournaments. An invoice will be mailed to your school at the end of the forensics season for the applicable amount of student membership dues based on the number of active students who competed on your roster. This allows for changes to occur throughout the season without penalty. You'll only be invoiced for students who compete. Student memberships should be paid prior to the Championship Tournament.

Statement of Faith

We believe...

...that the Holy Scriptures, comprised of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, are fully inspired by God and are therefore infallible in the original writings and completely trustworthy in all areas in which they speak.

...that there is only one eternal, almighty and perfect God. Within the Being of this one true God exist three eternally distinct and coequal Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Persons, also referred to as the Trinity, are the one true God.

...that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, who took upon Himself human flesh through the miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary. He who is true God became true man, uniting two natures in one person forever. Christ lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended into Heaven where He now serves as our High Priest, our only Mediator.

...that the Holy Spirit is the eternal Third Person of the Triune God, the Regenerator and Sanctifier of the redeemed, the Bestower of spiritual fruit and gifts, and the abiding Advocate who empowers believers for godly living and service.

...that Adam was directly created without sin and in the image of God and did not evolve from preexisting forms of life. Through the fall of Adam that image of God in humanity has been defiled, although not eradicated. Every human being is radically corrupt and estranged from God. Human beings are condemned by God because of their descent into sin through their relationship to Adam. The desperate need of humanity is forgiveness of sins and consequent restoration of fellowship with God; yet humans remain totally unable to atone for and restore themselves.

...that Jesus' death on the cross provided a substitutionary atonement for the sins of humanity. We believe that man is justified (saved) by grace through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ without any mixture of works.

...in the existence of Satan and that hell is a place of eternal conscious punishment for him, his host, and all unbelievers.

...that the Christian church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Corporately and individually, its members strive to worship, serve, and glorify God through prayer and praise, diligent study and application of the Scriptures, evangelism, sanctified living, good works, and observance of the rites of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The mission of the church is the discipleship of all nations - not only the saving of souls but also the bringing of the gospel to bear on every aspect of life and thought.

To become an LFA member, your school must agree with the league statement of faith as well as the "Nashville Statement" on marriage and sexuality. You can read the latter online at: www.cbmw.org/nashville-statement.

Yes, our school agrees with these doctrinal statements of faith.

Membership Benefits

As a league, the LFA gives students opportunities to compete in forensics by:

1. Helping establish speech and debate teams
2. Creating training opportunities for coaches and students
3. Producing debate textbooks and teaching materials for participating members*
4. Providing a convenient network of schools for competition
5. Organizing tournaments and running the Season Opener / Championship Tournament

In addition, the LFA provides the framework for the activity. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Rules and guidelines to be followed at tournaments
- The resolution (topic) for each debate season
- Official tournament documents, such as ballots
- A website that tracks tournament results and school rankings
- Software registration and tabulation for tournaments
- Access to coaching materials, including tests, coaching tips, and exercises to do with students
- Physical and virtual tournament opportunities
- Ready phone, email, and video support from staff

The resulting (and ultimate) benefit:

- Articulate, winsome, and discerning leaders for Christ

**New coaches receive one complimentary debate manual. Additional debate manuals for students are available for purchase. Bulk discounts offered on 10 or more debate manuals.*

Payment

Completed applications can be submitted via mail or email. Membership dues can be paid by check or by card. To pay online, please call the LFA office at (209) 575-2009. Make checks payable to the Institute for Principle Studies (the parent ministry).

Membership Dues:

School membership for one season (\$300)
Trial Option (fall semester free)
Referral Discount (50%)

Payment Method:

Check
Card
Invoice

Trial Option:

You can try competing in the league for the fall semester without charge (excluding in-person tournament entry fees). If you like your experience, you can pay membership dues in spring to continue competing for the remainder of the season.

Referral Discount:

The league offers a win-win referral program. Both the recruiter and the recruit receive a 50% discount on school membership dues for one season. Each referral is equivalent to \$150 and is applied as a credit on your account to offset membership dues, tournament fees, and textbook sales. Referrals are not limited.

For referrals, please list the schools that referred you (or that you referred) to join the league:

Signature

Superintendent/Administrator/Principal Signature

Date

Please complete and return by:

Mail: P.O. Box 278, Modesto CA 95353 | **Email:** info@LogosForensics.org
