



# 2024-25 Membership Application

## Christian School Speech & Debate League

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

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### School Information

Name		Sponsoring Church <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Mailing Address		Estimated Jr. - Sr. High Enrollment	
City		Denominational Affiliation	
State	Zip Code	School Association Affiliation	
Homeschool Hybrid / Co-Op Offered?		Classical School?	
Yes      No		Yes      No	
Other		Other	

## Administrative Information

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Prefix for correspondence

Mr.          Mrs.          Miss          Ms.          Dr.          Rev.

Name of school administrator who will oversee the coach/activity

Administrator's position/title

Administrator email

Administrator cell phone

## Coach Information

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

Yes, experienced coach          Yes, new coach  
In Process          Not yet  
Other

Coach Name

Assistant coach (*if applicable*)

Coach prefix

Mr.          Mrs.          Miss  
Ms.          Dr.          Rev.

Assistant coach prefix

Mr.          Mrs.          Miss  
Ms.          Dr.          Rev.

Coach's position/title

Assistant coach's position/title

Coach email

Assistant coach email

Coach cell phone

Assistant coach cell phone

## Preliminary Questions

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Has your school competed in speech and debate before?

Yes      No  
Other

Does your school currently have a speech and debate program?

Yes      No  
Other

If so, did your school previously compete against other schools?

Yes      No  
Other

If yes, what league did your school previously compete in?

NSDA      NCFCA  
Other

Are you willing to host a tournament on your campus?

Yes      No  
Other

How far are you willing to travel for competition?

1-2 hours      3-5 hours  
5 hours +      Interstate  
Other

Does your school have any travel restrictions or limitations?

Yes      No  
Other

Which event category does your school plan to compete in?

Speech      Debate  
Both

How will you structure your forensics program?

Class      Club  
Elective

How often will your students meet for instruction?

Daily      Semi-Weekly  
Weekly      Bi-Weekly

When will your students meet for instruction?

Before School      During Class  
After School

How long will your students meet for instruction?

< 1 Hour      1 Hour  
Other

Do you have curriculum selected and prepared?

Yes, we're ready to go  
No, we're researching options  
Other

Is your coach interested in mentorship?

Yes      No  
Other

## Preliminary Questions Continued

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How did your school hear about the LFA?

Mail

E-mail

Conference

Referral

School Association

Publication

Other

What interests your school most about speech and debate?

What is the best way our league can help your school be successful?

What is your primary goal this season?

## Eligibility

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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

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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, 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

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Membership dues are simple and all-inclusive. There are no surprise costs or hidden fees. School membership dues are \$500 per season. Student membership dues are \$60 per student per season. Tournament entry fees are separate from membership dues and are priced according to each tournament host. Membership includes all training, support, access to competition, and resources.

School membership dues must be paid before students can compete and are due by September 30. For students, there is a separate deadline for each semester. The first semester deadline for student registration is October 31. The second semester deadline for student registration is January 31. Invoices for student membership dues will be sent out after each deadline. Please note that your school will be invoiced for each student that registers regardless of their competition status.

# Statement of Faith

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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.

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*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](http://www.cbmw.org/nashville-statement).*

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

**Other**

# Payment

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## Membership Options:

Full membership

Trial membership - limited# / not guaranteed

## Trial Option:

If your school is granted a trial membership, you can try competing in the league for the fall semester without paying membership dues. However, tournament entry fees still apply. If you like your experience, you can pay membership dues in spring to compete for the remainder of the season.

## Referral Program:

For referrals, both the recruiter and the recruit receive a 25% discount on school membership dues for one season. Each referral is applied as a credit on your account to offset membership dues, tournament fees, and/or textbook sales.

*Please list the schools that referred you (or that you referred) to join the league:*

## Association Discount:

If you are a member of a school association that partners with our league, please list the association and the discount offered to you:

# Signature

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Administrator Signature

Date

## Logo Release:

*By signing this application, you agree and consent that the LFA may use your school's logo on the league website to be listed as a member. Please email your school's logo to the league office.*

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Please complete and return by:

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