



UCA Debate and Forensics offers scholarships of up to \$1000 a semester to students who plan to study communication and who demonstrated excellence in debate, forensics, or competitive speech.

UCA Debate and Forensics has had a recent history of success in debate and forensics. The team was recognized as the top Arkansas school at the Southern Forensics Championship from 2014-16 and in 2018. It is also nationally competitive in the International Public Debate Association (IPDA), ranking fifth for the 2017-18 season in Founder's Cup (recognizing overall team excellence) and fourth in the professional and Team IPDA Divisions. Members of the team also won the prestigious Madison Cup at James Madison University in April 2018, resulting in \$2000 scholarships for the winning debaters. UCA Debate and Forensics also competes in tournaments that offer individual events sanctioned by the American Forensics Association.

Scholarships are available to incoming first-year students, transfer students, and current UCA undergraduates. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must:

- Have demonstrated excellence in debate, forensics, or competitive speech (this may include debate, oratory, interpretive events, congressional debate, mock trial, or similar events);
- Upon enrolling at UCA, declare a major or minor in communication or public relations;
- Plan to compete as a member of UCA Debate and Forensics; and
- Carry at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA in high school coursework (for current high school students or UCA transfers with less than 24 hours) or at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA in college coursework (for current University students and transfers with 24 or more hours).

To maintain eligibility for the scholarship, students must:

- Be an active member of UCA Debate and Forensics. Active membership includes regular attendance at practices and competing in at least three tournaments per semester (with mandatory attendance at tournaments hosted at UCA, regional and national championships, and other tournaments to be determined by the Director of Forensics);
- Show progress toward a major or minor in communication or public relations by enrolling in at least one course contributing to that minor or major each semester; and
- Maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

To apply, please fill out the attached application and submit the information requested. The application deadline is April 26, 2019, but applications will be considered as early as April 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at amcmullen@uca.edu or (501) 852-0695.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. McMullen, J.D.
Assistant Professor of Business Law
Director of Forensics
University of Central Arkansas

UCA Debate and Forensics Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current school/college: _____ GPA: _____

Current or anticipated major/minor: _____

(Scholarship recipients must declare a major or minor in communication or public relations.)

Please include a resume with your application. The resume should specifically reference your potential or your history of excellence in debate, oratory, interpretive events, legislative simulations, mock trial, and/or similar events.

Please also submit or arrange to be submitted two letters of recommendation. One should be from a present or former coach. Please mark the applicable box:

- () Letters of recommendation included with application
- () Letters of application to be submitted (please indicate who will be providing letters)

Please send this application and accompanying materials via email to amcmullen@uca.edu or to the address below. (Email submissions preferred.) Applications are due on April 26, 2019, but students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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