



# SPEECH SCHOLARSHIP

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# National Forensic League Scholarship

The Gustavus Forensics program is a comprehensive, co-curricular speech program that competes in 11 American Forensic Association individual events. Our program is grounded in the Three Crowns: Education, Competition, and Leadership. We believe in the liberal arts tradition of forensics. We also whole-heartedly believe that forensics training is one of the best ways to develop a student's advocacy, research, critical thinking, and higher-level analytical, rhetorical analysis, and performance skills. Firmly grounded within the liberal arts tradition, forensics is what one alum termed "a college education in a nutshell."

Forensics is also interdisciplinary. Students learn to see problems and solutions from a variety of perspectives. In addition, students learn to approach questions of fact, questions of value, and questions of policy from the framework that is appropriate to each type of question. Our program is deeply committed to undergraduate research on a variety of topics and many of our students have presented papers at national conferences. We are committed to making Gustavus Forensics the paradigm for competitive forensics.

Speech has a long tradition of excellence at Gustavus. A few highlights include:

- Top 20 at the 2009, 2008, and 2007 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournaments, including 18th place in 2009
- One of 14 schools to be nationally ranked three consecutive years  
Twelve of 14 are Division I institutions
- 26 Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association State Champions
- 7 Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest Qualifiers
- 2008 Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest Finalist – 4th place
- 3 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament All-Americans
- 2 Pi Kappa Delta All-Americans

Gustavus' \$1,000–\$2,000 (\$4,000–\$8,000 over four years) National Forensic League Scholarship is awarded annually to candidates who demonstrate talent and commitment in individual speech events competition. The award will be based on a candidate's potential as a collegiate competitor, high school academic record, previously demonstrated leadership, and potential for contributions to the Gustavus community. ***A separate application is required by January 1, 2010, and finalists will be invited to participate in a scholarship competition on February 27 or March 6.***



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**Deadline January 1, 2010 | Interview by invitation February 27 or March 6, 2010**

**Scholarship Requirements**

Recipients of the forensics scholarship must:

1. travel to forensics tournaments four weekends per semester,
2. compete in a minimum of three individual events per semester,
3. maintain a Gustavus G.P.A. of 3.0, and
4. complete other departmental requirements as assigned by the Director of Forensics.

Though not need-based, these awards may be part of a total need-based financial package. Subsequent renewal is at the discretion of the Director of Forensics.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School Rank \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite \_\_\_\_\_ SAT CR \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last Name of Primary Coach \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants for the Gustavus Adolphus College National Forensic League Scholarship must submit these items:**

**Video Tape Audition**

Please produce a videotape or DVD that illustrates your ability as a speaker. The recording should not exceed 10 minutes. Please be certain to label the recording with your name.

**Letter of Recommendation**

Your primary high school coach must complete a letter of recommendation.

**Forensics Résumé**

On an attached single page, please summarize your speech accomplishments.

***Finalist Audition/Interview***

Students selected as finalists for the Gustavus Adolphus College National Forensic League Scholarship will be invited to campus for an audition to be held ***February 27 or March 6, 2010***. Finalists who are unable to attend Audition Day may make alternative arrangements by contacting the Admission Office. It is advantageous for the student to audition on campus.

**Please respond to the following questions in a paragraph or two:**

1. Why do you choose to participate in competitive speech?

2. How will you contribute to the Gustavus Adolphus College Forensics program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you will be applying for any other merit-based scholarships at Gustavus:

- Anderson Theatre and Dance Scholarship
- Art Scholarship
- Björling Music Scholarship
- President's Scholarship

These scholarships require separate applications, which are due by January 1. You are automatically considered for other scholarships based on your Application for Admission. To learn more about all your options and to download scholarship applications, go to **[gustavus.edu/admission/scholarships](http://gustavus.edu/admission/scholarships)**.

Mail or fax your completed scholarship application to:

**Gustavus Admission Office**  
**800 West College Avenue**  
**Saint Peter, MN 56082**  
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