

Forensics Scholarship

What is Forensics?

For purposes of this scholarship, “forensics” is defined as the study of argumentation and formal debate. The Muskingum University Forensics program is for students interested in competitive public speaking as an extra-curricular activity. Participants travel to other colleges and universities and compete against other college-level students in three different categories of speech totaling nine different events.

These categories and events are:

Interpretation of Literature

- * Prose Interpretation
- * Poetry Interpretation
- * Duo Interpretation

Limited Preparation

- * Extemporaneous
- * Impromptu

Prepared Speaking

- * After Dinner Speaking
- * Persuasive
- * Informative
- * Rhetorical Criticism

What are the scholarship amounts?

Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1,500 and are renewable for your remaining three years at Muskingum, depending on your level of participation in the program, and subject to the discretion of the faculty.

Once I get the scholarship, what will I need to do?

As a first year student, you will be required to participate in at least two different events at two different weekend tournaments in the fall semester, and a total of three events at three different tournaments in the spring. In addition, you will be required to have one written speech prepared by the end of the fall semester. You choose the events you are interested in and want to learn more about and/or improve on. One of the real advantages of competing in forensics at Muskingum University is that you will have the opportunity to practice a variety of performance styles.

Do I need to be a Speech Communication major to apply?

No. Many students who are interested in Forensics are also interested in other disciplines, and while many of the team members are Speech Communication majors or minors, there are just as many who major in a completely unrelated field and simply want to participate. The experience you gain and the skills you develop as a participant in Forensics will serve you well no matter what academic major or career path you choose to pursue. You can even earn college credit hours for competing.

What do I need to do to apply for the Forensics Scholarship?

1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time student.
2. Complete the Forensics Scholarship Application Form (attached).
3. Write an essay indicating your major area of interest and your need or desire to receive a Muskingum University Forensics Scholarship.
4. Provide a list of your forensics experience, if any.
5. Interview or audition: Depending on your area of interest, you should arrange for either an audition (taped or live) or an interview (phone or in person) with a Speech Communication and Theatre faculty member. Auditions on audio or video recording may be submitted, either by sending in with the rest of the application, or by bringing a tape with you if you plan to visit campus (or to the Admission Office's Academic Scholarship Program on campus each winter).
6. Submit the application form and other materials no later than March 1 to:

Forensics Scholarship Committee
Department of Speech Communication and Theatre
Muskingum University
163 Stormont Street
New Concord, OH 43762

Note: If you plan to participate in the Scholarship Day program, or to visit campus before March 1, you can submit everything in person.

Students may qualify for more than one type of non need-based financial assistance, though limitations are placed on the total amount of Muskingum-funded non need-based assistance a student may receive. These limits are outlined in provisions which accompany all scholarships and financial aid awards. Students planning to apply for need-based assistance must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit signed copies of parent and student federal tax forms between January 1 and March 15 of their senior year.

I want to know more.

If you want to know about forensics at Muskingum University or about the scholarship process specifically, we welcome your interest and your questions. To arrange for a faculty interview or audition, tour the facilities, or meet other speech communication students, please contact us.

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Forensics Scholarship Application Form

Mr./Ms./Miss

Last	First	Middle Initial
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Address _____

Street, P.O. Box	City	State	Zip
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Telephone _____ Have you visited campus? _____

Have you completed an application for admission to Muskingum? _____

High School

High School Address

Grade Point Average _____ Class rank _____ / _____

ACT Composite _____ Combined SAT _____

Please indicate major area(s) of interest: _____

Please list two references for the selection committee to contact in support of your candidacy:

Name	Address	Phone Number
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For office use only: Application ___ Essay ___ Audition ___ Admission ___