Forensics Scholarship

What is Forensics?
The dictionary defines “forensics” as the art or study of formal debate. The Muskingum College Forensics program is for students interested in competitive public speaking. As a participant, you will travel to other colleges and universities and compete against other college-level students. There are 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*

How much can I receive?
Scholarship awards range from $500 to $1,500 and are renewable for the remaining three years of your Muskingum education—depending on your level of participation in the program, and subject to the discretion of the faculty. These scholarships are separate from any academic scholarship you may receive from the college, and are also separate from any federal work-study programs you may qualify for in your financial aid package. In other words, you can still work on campus for a paycheck and still receive the Forensics Scholarship.

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 and a total of three events at three different tournaments in the spring semester. 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 to competing in forensics at Muskingum College is that you will have the opportunity to experience a variety of performance styles.

Do I need / want to be a Speech Communication major to apply?
Not at all. 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 are double majors or who major in a completely unrelated field. 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.
So what do I need to do to apply for the Forensics Scholarship?

1. Be admitted to Muskingum College
2. Complete the Forensics Scholarship Application Form (attached).
3. Write an essay indicating major area of interest and the need or desire to receive a Muskingum College 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 cassette may be submitted, either by sending in with the rest of the application, or by bringing a tape with you to the on-campus Academic Scholarship Program in February.
6. Submit the application form and other materials no later than March 1 to:

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

Also note: If you are coming to the College’s Scholarship Day programs in February, or visiting campus on or before March 1, you can turn in everything in person. Furthermore, if you would like to audition in person, feel free to contact the department through your admissions counselor to set up a time.

*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.

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

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Forensics Scholarship Application Form

Mr./Ms./Miss

Last                First                Middle Initial

Address

Street, P.O. Box              City         State         Zip

Telephone

Have you visited campus?

Have you completed an application for admission to Muskingum?

High School

High School Address

Grade Point Average

Rank in class

ACT Composite

Combined SAT

Please indicate major area of interest:

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

Name

Address

Phone Number

Name

Address

Phone Number

For office use only:  Application__  Essay ____  Audition ____  Admission ____