# **Debate Scholarships**

## Who is eligible?

- Towson University undergraduate in any major
- Member in good standing of the Debate team as defined in the Debate Team Handbook

## What are the criteria?

- Demonstrated talent in Debate
- Promise of future success in Debate

### What is required of a scholarship recipient?

- Participate in the Towson University Debate program for all semesters of the scholarship award
- Maintain full-time enrollment status (12 or more credits per semester)
- Maintain at least a 2.5 overall GPA and comply with TU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid recipients <a href="http://www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/guide/requirements/sap.html">http://www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/guide/requirements/sap.html</a>
  - Failure to secure a 2.0 GPA during one semester may result in a lack of competitive travel
  - Failure to secure a 2.0 GPA during two consecutive semesters will result in termination of scholarship
- Attend all team meetings or events or notify the Director in advance in case of absence(s)
- Participate in team activities including research, practice and workshops
- Prioritize your speech and debate career as a significant part of your college experience. This may involve choosing Towson team activities over non-academic activities
- Assist in hosting team events on campus and in the community
- Obey team rules and exercise leadership in promoting a positive team environment

### What scholarships are there?

- Recruitment scholarships for talented debaters are provided by the office of undergraduate admissions
- A typical scholarship is \$8,000 per year not to exceed the student's cost of attendance (students may be offered a full 100% scholarship or a one half, 50% scholarship depending on their performance? need?)
- Each scholarship is for up to 8 semesters for students beginning as freshman and 4 semesters for students who transfer with 60 or more credits.
- Students who transfer with fewer than sixty credits may be eligible to receive additional semesters of scholarship support which will be specified in their award letter.

### How do you apply?

- Apply for admission to Towson University
- Email the DOD to be provided with the scholarship application: Kevin Whitley- Kwhitley@towson.edu
- Complete the scholarship application form by January 15th

### Who decides on scholarship offers?

- The scholarship committee
- The scholarship committee consists of three individuals
  - The Director of Debate
  - o a representative of the COFAC Dean's office appointed by the Dean
  - o a representative of the Provost's office appointed by the Provost

