

Forensics Scholarship

What is Forensics?

For purposes of this scholarship, "forensics" is defined as guided presentations in a public forum that includes intercollegiate competition. The Muskingum University Forensics program is for students interested in competitive public speaking and performance as a co-curricular activity. Participants compete against students from other colleges or universities at the state and national levels in up to three individual speech events (or debate), listed below:

Interpretation of Literature

- * Prose Interpretation
- * Poetry Interpretation
- * Duo Interpretation
- * Dramatic Interpretation (Single)
- * Reader's Theater

Limited Preparation

- * Extemporaneous
- * Impromptu
- * Debate

Prepared Speaking

- * After Dinner Speaking
- * Persuasive
- * Informative
- * Communication Analysis

What are the scholarship amounts?

Performance scholarship awards range from **\$500 to \$2,500** 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. Students may qualify for more than one type of non-need-based financial assistance. However, 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 should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Do I need to be a 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 Communication majors or minors, there are just as many who major in a different 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.

To be considered for an entry level Forensics scholarship (\$500), students must:

1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time entering student.
2. Submit the online application form and other materials no later than **March 3rd, 2023**. The online application can be found at: <https://www.muskingum.edu/financial-aid/comm-scholarships>

To be considered for a higher-level scholarship (up to \$2500) students must complete the above and additionally:

1. Provide a resume of your forensics experience, if any. Include dates, events, and other pertinent information. Include any relevant speaking experience and note the top three Forensics Individual Events you are interested in (see list page 1). For descriptions of individual events, visit the NFA national website at www.nationalforensics.org/competition/individual-events
2. Interview or audition: Depending on your area of interest, you should arrange for either a virtual audition (recorded or live, remote on Teams or Zoom), or an interview (phone or video call) with the Director of Forensics. Digitally recorded auditions (5 minute speech or reading, any subject) may be submitted with the rest of your application to rpollack@muskingum.edu as an "unlisted" YouTube link.
3. Complete the above by **March 3rd, 2023**.

To maintain scholarship eligibility a recipient must:

1. Maintain minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) in Communication courses, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Participate in at least two different events (or debate) at two different weekend tournaments in the fall semester, and a total of three events (OR debate + 1 individual event, OR reader's theater+ 1 individual event) at three different tournaments in the spring.
3. Maintain set established policies of forensics departmental scholarship activity.
4. Attend meetings publicized by the Department of Communication, Media, & Theatre that pertain to majors and scholars.
5. Participate in the scholarship review process at the end of each semester, according to departmental policy.

More Information:

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 communication students, please contact us.

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