

NFL SERVICES

The benefits of NFL membership start immediately!

- **Access to half a million dollars in scholarships:** The NFL and its partner programs award over \$500,000 in scholarships each year to student and coach members on the basis of academic excellence, competitive success, and/or community service.
- **Complimentary Subscription:** Every team receives a subscription to *Rostrum*, the official magazine of the NFL. Each issue is packed with coaching tips, curriculum suggestions, news from the community, and more.
- **Website:** Joining the NFL also means becoming a member of the NFL online community, which includes discussion forums, online resources, downloadable lesson plans, and more.
- **Hand-Engrossed Certificates:** Each new member receives a hand-engrossed certificate to commemorate his or her accomplishments.
- **NFL Points Access:** Every advisor receives login and password information for the NFL Points Site, which enables him or her to track student and coach achievement easily.
- **Coach Support Services:** All new coaches will receive a copy of the New Coach Guide, which provides a step-by-step explanation of administering an NFL program and thriving in the NFL community. New coaches may also take advantage of our mentoring program, which pairs them with veteran coaches who can answer questions and provide guidance.
- **Professional Development Opportunities:** The NFL partners with organizations from across the country to provide opportunities for professional development, including continuing education credits and accreditations. Coaches are also eligible to receive well-deserved recognition for their contributions to youth development through programs such as the NFL Hall of Fame, District and National Coach of the Year programs, the Diamond program, and other honors.
- **Grant Support:** The NFL provides financial support to assist in developing the forensic community. These grants exist for the purpose of fulfilling our mission of extending speech and debate opportunities to as many students as possible.

THE NFL AWARD SYSTEM

Points

The credit point system measures student progress and motivates future speech participation. Students earn points through participation in debate and speech competitions, partnership projects, and community service opportunities. Every speech earns points, with additional points awarded for higher levels of excellence.

Advanced Degrees

Credit points lead to degrees. As students continue in NFL activities, their point totals will achieve levels which qualify them for advanced degrees: Honor, Excellence, Distinction, Special Distinction, Superior Distinction, Outstanding Distinction and Premier Distinction. Achieving advanced degrees allows members to add special NFL seals to the NFL certificate and school diploma as well as have an NFL key jeweled to denote the degree.

Join the NFL Today!

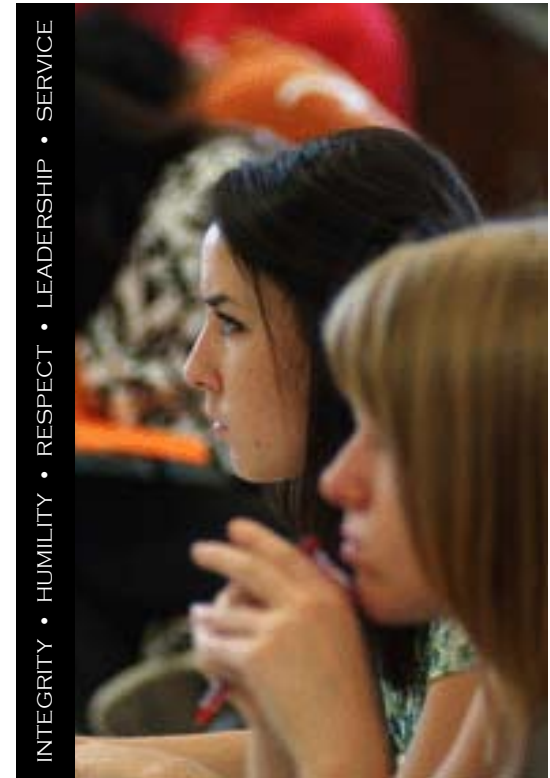
Are you ready to begin your journey with the National Forensic League? Joining is easy! Simply log on to www.nflonline.org and complete the form under **About the League/Join Today**. Remember to include a \$99 annual school membership fee. Once a student earns 25 points (at least 10 points in interscholastic competition—debate and/or speech and/or congress), he or she will be eligible to join the NFL as an individual. Each lifetime student membership is \$15.

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National Forensic League
Speech and Debate Honor Society

ABOUT US

The National Forensic League (NFL) is a non-partisan, not for profit educational honor society established to encourage and motivate high school students to participate in and become proficient in the forensic arts: debate, public speaking, and interpretation. NFL is the nation's oldest and largest high school speech and debate honor society. Since 1925 the NFL has enrolled over 1.3 million students in fulfillment of its motto, "training youth for leadership." Many of these members have risen to the pinnacle of their respective fields, including former Vice President Hubert Humphrey; Senators Richard Lugar, Russ Feingold and William Frist; media visionaries Ted Turner and Oprah Winfrey; Emmy award winners Kelsey Grammer and Shelly Long; news anchor Jane Pauley; C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb; Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; and actors Brad Pitt, Zac Efron, Michael Urie, and James Dean.



Would you like
to be a member of a national
organization *respected* by colleges
nationwide? Are you ready to grow as
a thinker, a speaker, and an advocate?
Do you want to leave a *lasting
impact* on your community
and world?

You can.

Join the National Forensic League!



WHY NFL?

Speech and debate education is invaluable. On average, students who receive this training score higher on standardized tests (like the ACT, SAT, and state benchmark exams), earn higher grades, and gain admittance into top universities at higher rates than their peers. Forensic education also enhances job opportunities and earning potential after graduation.

While all speech and debate education is valuable, NFL participation ensures that students receive the most complete experience in forensics.

Honor Society Recognition: Students who join the NFL receive honor society recognition for their growth and development in the forensic arts. Several other activities beyond competition earn points toward higher degrees, including service, non-competitive speaking engagements, and participation in partnership programs.

Service and Leadership Opportunities: The NFL partners with other educational organizations to provide unmatched scholarship opportunities for its members that go beyond traditional tournaments. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are awarded to NFL members for their participation in these supplemental opportunities.

National Awards: NFL members are eligible to receive a number of national awards, unconnected to competition, including the Academic All-American Award, which recognizes superior achievement in forensics as well as scholarship, and the National Student of the Year Award, which recognizes the student who best embodies the tenets of the NFL Code of Honor.

NFL EVENTS

The NFL sanctions competition in a number of competitive debate and speech events:

Student Congress

Research and write Congressional legislation, then debate using parliamentary procedure.

Lincoln/Douglas Debate

Argue propositions of value in a one-on-one format.

Policy Debate

Debate a policy proposition in a team format.

Public Forum Debate

Debate controversial issues that are "ripped" from the newspaper headlines in a team format.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Speak on a selected topic using 30 minutes to prepare by synthesizing published sources. This event is separated into domestic and international topic divisions.

Original Oratory

Research and speak on a topic of your choice.

Dramatic Interpretation

Perform a memorized, dramatic selection from printed published materials.

Humorous Interpretation

Perform a memorized, humorous selection from printed published materials.

Duo Interpretation

Present either a humorous or dramatic performance derived from printed published materials (with a partner).

Supplemental/Consolation Events

Contestants eliminated from the main events may participate in supplemental and consolation events if pre-registered.

