

Spring 2011

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the team and in applying for a scholarship. Should you join the team, you will become part of a legacy of students who have not only been successful in forensics competition, but who have gone on to use their speaking skills in their careers and ministries for the glory of God.

The Biola Forensics team competes in Individual Events (IE - speech), NFA-style Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD), and Parliamentary Debate (Parli). All students on scholarship compete in at least one individual event. From that point, students specialize in either an IE track (3 additional IE's) or a Debate track (competition in LD & Parli).

Competing on the team represents a substantial commitment. Scholarshipped competitors should plan on considerable work over the summer to prepare their events. The team has a two-day "training camp" on campus during the beginning of the fall semester, and students practice a minimum of 4.5 hours during the week in preparation for tournaments.

Scholarships generally start at \$4,000 per year. Though this amount certainly is not enough to pay for a full ride at Biola, it does help. Students with substantial experience are eligible for greater scholarship amounts, depending on competitive success, service to the team, and/or years of competition experience. Returning students are encouraged to apply for additional amounts based on their qualifications. Typically, new students to the team are ineligible for greater amounts; however, I will consider all requests for additional funds for those who want to go beyond the basic commitment. *Please note that any scholarship funds received from Forensics could affect any need-based aid that you have been awarded by the university.*

A student does not need to be scholarshipped to be on the team. Students may "walk on" to the team as well. I cannot give scholarships to all who apply, but I welcome those who want to join the team because of the great opportunities it presents. Bottom line, I want people on the team who love speaking, performing, and debating—whether they receive a scholarship or not. A "walk-on" does not need any prior experience—they just need the desire to become a better communicator.

If you have a video of one of your performances or debates, it would be very helpful if you could send a copy or even email it to me. Though not required, it helps us to know what aptitudes you bring to the table. Be sure, however, to have at least two people who can recommend you send a note either via US Mail or email (preferred).

Thanks for taking the time to fill out the application. I hope to have you on the team next year. Please feel free to email me at [dorothy.alston.calley@biola.edu](mailto:dorothy.alston.calley@biola.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# Biola Forensics Team Application Fall 2011 - Spring 2012

Please return to [dorothy.alston.calley@biola.edu](mailto:dorothy.alston.calley@biola.edu) as soon as possible. We will begin considering applications April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and make awards on a rolling basis. For those who meet the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 deadline, scholarship offers will be sent out the third week of April.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Biola ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me via  PHONE or  EMAIL (circle one)

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There are three scholarship tracks. Please CIRCLE the tracks for which you would like to be considered. Explanations for each track are listed below. It is the philosophy of the Biola Forensics team that all team members contribute to the team efforts in Individual Events, Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Parliamentary Debate, even if they do not compete in all of the different areas in which we specialize.

IE-centric  Debate-centric  I would like to have a special-contract (see below)

Would you be interested in walking-on to the team if you did not have a scholarship?  
(Circle One)

Yes  No  Maybe

If maybe, please comment

## BIOLA FORENSICS COMPETITION TRACKS

### 1) IE-Centric (scholarship)

5 individual events (IE competitors are strongly encouraged to compete in one platform or limited preparation event)

10 tournaments (Fall and Spring Champs & Christian Nationals), AFA-NIET or NFA (Speech Nationals)

1 team practice per week (4 hrs)

2 coaches meetings per week (15 mins each)

Season Opening Camp (On campus, 2 days)

## **2) Debate-centric (scholarship)**

LD, Parli, weekly research assignment

8 tournaments (Including Districts, Christian Nats), NFA (LD Nationals)

1 team practice per week (4 hrs)

2 coaches meetings per week (15 mins each)

Season Opening Camp (On campus, 2 days)

## **3) Special contract (scholarship)**

Occasionally, the team will give scholarships for students who go beyond the basic commitment listed in 1 or 2, for public relations, administration tasks, for adding events from the beginning of the year, or for experienced students who can only compete part of the season. Please contact me if you are interested in this type of scholarship.

## **4) Walk-On (non-scholarship)**

2 individual events or LD and Parli (if a partner is available)

Weekly research assignment

1 team practice each week (4 hrs)

1 coaches meeting per week (15 min)

2 tournaments per semester

Season Opening Camp (strongly encouraged)

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**Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. You may use additional pages, if necessary.**

1. What forensics experience do you have? Please list awards, honors, and other accolades.

2. What other applicable experience do you have (e.g. Drama, Mock UN, leadership roles, other speaking contests)?



