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 travel to other colleges and universities and compete against other college-level students in debate AND/OR three different categories of speech totaling twelve different events.

These categories and events are:

**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?
Scholarship awards range from $500 to $1,500 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.

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 (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. You choose the events you are interested in and want to learn more about and/or improve. One of the real advantages of competing in forensics at Muskingum University is that you will have the opportunity to practice a variety of performance styles.

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 completely 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.

What do I need to do to apply for the Forensics Scholarship?
1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time student.
2. Complete the Forensics Scholarship Application Form (attached).
3. Write an essay indicating your major area of interest and your need or desire to receive a Muskingum University Forensics Scholarship.
4. Provide a list of your forensics experience, if any. Include dates, events, and other pertinent information.
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 Communication Faculty Member. Auditions on audio or video recording may be submitted, either by sending in with the rest of the application, or by bringing a tape with you if you plan to visit campus (or to the Admission Office’s Academic Scholarship Program on campus).

6. Submit the application form and supporting materials no later than March 1 to:
   Dr. Lisa Marshall, Scholarship Coordinator
   Department of Communication, Media, & Theatre
   Muskingum University
   163 Stormont Street
   New Concord, OH 43762

To maintain eligibility, a Forensics Scholarship recipient must:
1. Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) in Communication courses, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Maintain set established policies of forensics departmental scholarship activity.
3. Attend meetings publicized by the Department of Communication, Media, & Theatre that pertain to majors and scholars.
4. Participate in the bi-yearly scholarship review process according to departmental policy.

If you plan to participate in the Admission Office’s Scholarship Day program, or to visit campus before March 1, you can submit everything in person.

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 should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and March 15 of their senior year.

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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Contact Admission Office for more information, at 1-800-752-6082.

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Forensics Scholarship Application

Mr./Ms./Miss

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Last                  First                  Middle Initial

Address

Street, P.O. Box              City                 State                 Zip

Telephone_________________________   Email________________________

Have you visited campus?______   Intended Major(s)____________________

Have you completed an application for admission to Muskingum?___________

High School ______________________________

High School Address____________________

GPA _______ Rank_____/_______    ACT (Composite)_______    SAT(M+V)________

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

_____________________________________________________________________
Name/Title     Address     Phone Number

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(Submitted Scholarship Materials will not be returned.)

*For office use only:   CMT Number_____   Application____   Essay_____   Audition_____   Admission_____