



# 2020-2021 Membership Application

## The Christian School Speech & Debate League

Please complete all fields. Place an N/A in fields that do not pertain to your school.

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### School Information

School Name

School E-mail

School mailing address

Address line 2

City

State

Zip code

School phone number

School website

Name of sponsoring church

Denominational affiliation

School enrollment

Year founded

Homeschool co-op offered?

Yes      No

Other

Classical school?

Yes      No

Other

## Preliminary Questions

Does your school currently have a speech and debate program?

Yes      No

If so, does your school compete against other schools?

Yes      No

What league does your school compete in?

Has your school competed in the LFA before?

Yes      No

How did your school hear about the LFA?

What interests your school most about speech and debate?

Mail

E-mail

Phone

Publication

Conference

Another school

Staff member

Other

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## Administrative Information

Name of school administrator

Name of school principal

Admin prefix for correspondence

Mr.      Mrs.      Miss  
Ms.      Dr.      Rev.

Principal prefix for correspondence

Mr.      Mrs.      Miss  
Ms.      Dr.      Rev.

Official position/title at school

Official position/title at school

Administrator direct phone

Principal direct phone

Administrator E-mail

Principal E-mail

## Coach Information

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Does your school have a staff member that is willing to coach?

Yes

Not yet

If yes, has the coach competed in forensics before?

Yes

No

Coach Name

Assistant coach *(if applicable)*

Coach prefix for correspondence

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Assistant coach prefix

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Ms.

Dr.

Rev.

Coach's position/title at school

Assistant coach position at school

Coach direct E-mail

Assistant coach E-mail

Coach direct phone

Assistant coach direct phone

## Coaches Summit

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The LFA hosts an annual training academy for coaches before the forensic season begins.

For the 2020-2021 season, the LFA is hosting its "Coaches Summit" at Embassy Suites by Hilton Sacramento Riverfront Promenade. The academy will take place September 10-12, 2020.

The schedule is Thursday evening, all-day Friday, and a half day Saturday. Embassy Suites is located at 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California 95814. Sacramento International Airport is less than 15 miles away and Embassy Suites offers free shuttle service. There is a fee to attend. Registration is separate from this application.

There is not a mandatory requirement for coaches to attend, but it is strongly suggested - especially for new coaches. For more information, visit the LFA website at [www.LogosForensics.org](http://www.LogosForensics.org).

## **Eligibility**

The LFA speech and debate league is tailored exclusively for private Christian high schools. Therefore, only private Christian high schools or private Christian schools with a high school are eligible to become members of the league. Students who are freshmen through seniors (grades 9-12) are eligible to compete.

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## **Membership & Duration**

Both school and student memberships are required for participation in the LFA or any LFA sanctioned event. School and student memberships are valid for the entire speech and debate league year, which begins September 1st and ends May 31st. Speech and debate tournaments normally occur from October through April of every year. School and student memberships are renewed annually.

Registration for membership in the LFA requires that each school and participating student submit a complete membership application and appropriate membership dues. Once a school and their students' membership registrations are complete, the school's staff and students will be eligible to participate in LFA learning opportunities, tournaments, and other LFA offered events.

In addition to the membership application and membership dues, each student competing in the LFA completes a survey upon registration at the beginning of the speech and debate season.

Students are ineligible to compete until both their school's and their student membership registrations and dues have been completed and paid.

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## **Dues**

School membership dues are tiered and based on the date of submission of your school's complete membership registration (membership application and membership dues). The two time segments are an early enrollment period and an open enrollment period. Early enrollment begins February 1, 2020 and ends on April 30, 2020. Open enrollment begins May 1, 2020 and lasts through September 30, 2020.

School membership dues for complete registrations submitted during the early enrollment period are \$500 per school. Memberships submitted during the open enrollment period are \$650 per school.

For students, the open enrollment period begins on August 1, 2020 and ends on September 30, 2020. Annual student membership dues are \$20 per student for registrations completed during the open enrollment period, and \$30 per student for registrations completed after the open enrollment ending date.

## Statement of Faith

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**The statement of faith for the LFA is the Nicene Creed, as listed below. To become a member of the league, your school must agree with this statement.**

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

**Does your school agree with this statement of faith?**

Yes      No

# Membership Benefits

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**As a league, the LFA gives students opportunities to compete in forensics by:**

1. Helping establish speech and debate teams
2. Creating training opportunities for teachers and students
3. Producing debate textbooks and teaching materials for participating members\*
4. Providing a convenient network of schools for competition
5. Organizing tournaments and running the Championship Tournament

**In addition, the LFA provides the framework for the activity. This includes, but is not limited to:**

- Rules and guidelines to be followed at tournaments
- The resolution (topic) for each debate season
- Official tournament documents, such as ballots
- A website that tracks tournament results and school rankings
- Software registration and tabulation for tournaments
- Access to coaching materials, including tests, coaching tips, and exercises to do with students
- Ready phone and email support from staff

**The resulting (and ultimate) benefit:**

- Articulate, winsome, and discerning leaders for Christ

*\*New coaches receive one complimentary debate manual. Additional debate manuals for students available for purchase. Bulk discounts offered.*

## Payment

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Completed applications can be submitted via mail, email, or fax. Membership dues can be paid by check or by card. To pay online, visit [www.PrincipleStudies.org/LFA-School-Dues](http://www.PrincipleStudies.org/LFA-School-Dues). Make checks payable to the Institute for Principle Studies.

### Enrollment Period:

January - April (\$500)  
May - September (\$650)

### Payment Method:

Check  
Card

## Signature

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Superintendent/Administrator/Principal Signature

Date

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*Please complete and return by:*

**Mail:** P.O. Box 278, Modesto CA 95353 | **Fax:** (209) 571-1590 | **Email:** [LFA@PrincipleStudies.org](mailto:LFA@PrincipleStudies.org)

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