

# Spartan Debate Institutes: 2009 FINANCIAL AID REQUEST FORM

Applications must be returned by Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 to be considered

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which Session(s) are you applying for?
- Two-Weeks: July 5-July 17, 2009, \$1100
- Three-Weeks: July 5-July 24, 2009, \$1600
- Four-Weeks: July 5- July 31, 2009, \$3350
- Five-Weeks: July 5 – August 8, 2009 \$4200

2. Parent/Guardian(s) *must* attach a copy of their 2008 Federal Income Tax Return(s). This is an absolute prerequisite to receiving financial assistance. We only need the summary section of the tax return (usually the first few pages), not all supporting documents.

3. Written explanations of a student's merit (from a debate standpoint) and their financial need are also required. This is very useful for us when we try to compare students' need or when there are special circumstances that deserve attention.

***Parents/applicants should remember:***

1. Please also complete an online application for the session you are interested in attending. This gives us additional information about your debate background that we can use in deciding scholarships.

2. The Spartan Debate Institutes are already priced with financial considerations in mind. The SDI has always operated on the principle that maintaining lower prices is best for all parties even if it reduces our opportunities to appear charitable by awarding more scholarships. As always, we will continue seeking other sources of funding for scholarships.

3. Scholarships are never full. There are many requests and limited funds. Typically, we prefer to award a large number of small scholarships rather than just a handful of very large scholarships. It is unlikely (except in rare circumstances) that scholarships will be awarded to students with family incomes greater than \$36,000.

4. Responses will be sent during the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents/applicants are asked not to call unless they have not received a response by June 1.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by May 8, 2009 to**

Spartan Debate Institutes  
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East Lansing, MI 48824