

# Application: 0000000004

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USA Debate 2025

## Summary

ID: 0000000004

## Student Info

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## 2025 USA Debate Application

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# Student Contact Information

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**Student Legal First Name**

(No response)

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**Student Legal Last Name**

(No response)

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**Student Name for Public Recognition**

(No response)

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**Student is a US citizen or US permanent resident**

(No response)

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**Student Mailing Address**

(No response)

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**Student Mailing City**

(No response)

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**Student Mailing State**

(No response)

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### Student Mailing Zip Code

(No response)

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**Email Address:** The email address associated with this account is the one we will use to communicate with you regarding this application. If this account was created with an email you do not check regularly or will not have access to over the summer, please update your account to reflect an address you will be able to utilize. You can make any changes to your email by clicking your name in the top right corner of this page, and editing your email in the "My Account" section.

**\*\*If updating your email in the account settings section, please be sure to scroll down and save your update.**

### Student Phone Number (with area code)

*Please provide the best number to contact.*

(No response)

### Gender

(No response)

### Date of Birth

(No response)

### Race/Ethnicity

(No response)

**Do you have a valid passport?**

(No response)

**Please list the major airport(s) closest to where you live**

(No response)

**Guardian #1 Full Name**

(No response)

**Guardian #1 Email Address**

(No response)

**Guardian #1 Cell Phone (with area code)**

*Please provide the best number to contact in the event of an emergency.*

(No response)

**Guardian #2 Full Name**

(No response)

**Guardian #2 Email Address**

(No response)

## Guardian #2 Cell Phone (with area code)

*Please provide the best number to contact in the event of an emergency.*

(No response)

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## School Information

### School Name

*(official name as it appears in your online NSDA account profile)*

(No response)

### NSDA District

(No response)

### School Mailing Address

(No response)

### School Mailing City

(No response)

### School Mailing State

(No response)

**School Mailing Zip Code**

(No response)

**Administrator Name**

(No response)

**Administrator Title**

(No response)

**Administrator Email Address**

(No response)

**Administrator Phone Number (with area code)**

(No response)

**Coach Full Name**

(No response)

**Coach Email Address**

(No response)

**Coach Cell Phone (with area code.)**

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(No response)

## Essay

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**Are you applying for the following:**

(No response)

**NSDA Honor Society Degree Level**

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**Graduation Year**

ex. 2021

2021

**Grade Point Average Please indicate GPA / out of scale**

3.5

**Weighted GPA?**

3.5

**Describe your current school activities, including leadership roles.**

Are there any scheduling conflicts that need to be taken into consideration?

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**Explain any volunteer or service activities for your school or greater community outside of speech and debate.**

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List your top five speech and debate competitive experiences. Please include tournaments attended and awards won.

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Describe your competitive experience with World Schools Debate (if any). Please include tournaments attended and awards won.

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Why do you want to be a part of the USA Debate National Team?

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How is representing your school, state, and country at an international competition an opportunity to be a steward/ambassador of the USA and speech/debate?

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Students who are interested in applying for the 2024-2025 USA Debate Team must download and complete this two-page form, collect signatures, then upload it as part of the online application process. You can find the form on the NSDA website [here](#).

UPLOAD your completed Signature Sheet below.

**\*\* Please note that you will still be able to edit once marking complete. That is not an indicator of final submission. If you need to make changes, you can do so by clicking the 3 buttons in the top right corner of the application to edit that section. Once marking complete, you will navigate to the box on the left (near the top of the application) to move through the reviewing and submission steps after completing all application sections**

## Video 1 Upload

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## Video Submission 1

Please submit videos via YouTube or Vimeo. Ensure that the full URL is used (i.e., youtube.com) and the link does not have privacy restrictions.

### Video 1 - Submit a PROP or OPP First Speech

***Motion: This House believes that the international community should govern failed states.***

**Info Slide:** A failed state is a country that can no longer perform basic functions of government, such as maintaining security, providing public services, or upholding the rule of law. These states often face issues like widespread corruption, economic collapse, humanitarian crises, and the breakdown of central authority. Examples include Somalia, Syria, and Afghanistan.

The speech should include an introduction, framework, and two arguments. If choosing Side Opposition, the speech does NOT need to include refutation. The speech should be between 5-7 1/2 minutes in length (to account for POIs and refutation).

## Video 2 Upload

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## Video Submission 2

Please submit videos via YouTube or Vimeo. Ensure that the full URL is used (i.e., youtube.com) and the link does not have privacy restrictions.

### Video 2 - Submit a PROP or OPP Third Speech

***Motion: This house believes that criminal justice policy should be solely decided by technocrats. Technocrats in criminal justice policy are experts, often with backgrounds in law, economics, or social sciences, who use data-driven analysis and technical expertise to design, implement, and evaluate policies.***

Begin this video with a list of three anticipated Prop and Opp arguments before presenting your Third Speech. This speech should reflect best practices of a typical third speech, indicating any clarifications, key issues of clash, and comparing/weighing of the competing debate worlds of the Prop and Opp. The speech should be between 7-7 1/2 minutes (to account for POIs).

## Video 3 Upload

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## Video Submission 3

Please submit videos via YouTube or Vimeo. Ensure that the full URL is used (i.e., youtube.com) and the link does not have privacy restrictions.

### Video 3 - Submit a PROP or OPP Reply Speech

***Motion: This House prefers a world where humans can opt-in to a technology that eliminates their ability to feel negative emotion (loss, pain, grief, sadness, etc.)***

Begin this video with a list of the three anticipated Prop and Opp arguments before presenting your Reply. This speech is a "biased summary" of the round and indicates why the judge should award your team their ballot. It is NOT the same as the Third Speech. This speech should be 4 minutes in length.