



Send another student to Nationals!

2019-2020 Topic—*Resolved: Objective morality exists.*

Why?

Big Questions is a great way to include students who would otherwise be unable to compete at districts given entry limits. It is also another opportunity to show off your students' talent at Nationals! The Top 4 competitors at the 2020 National Tournament will receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarships.

District Requirements

1. The event must be organized through or with the permission of the District Chair. District chairs must elect to hold a Big Questions National Qualifying event on the Tabroom District Dates Form.
2. The division may be held in conjunction with the district tournament or as a stand-alone event on a separate date as long as it occurs before **May 1**.
3. A **minimum of 10** high school competitors from at least 2 schools must compete
4. All students compete as individuals, and all competitors must be districts eligible prior to competing in the qualifying event.
5. The event will follow the tabulation method chosen by the District Committee for all other debate events. This includes the double down method or the pilot method.

Entry Limits/Double Entry

- Big Questions entries will not count toward a school's district entry limits.
- The top-placing student will not be eligible to compete in the Big Questions division at the National Tournament if they have qualified in a main event. An alternate will be accepted if the top-placing student cannot attend.

Can I get money for holding a National Qualifying Event?

No, this year National qualifying tournaments will not be eligible to receive sub-grant funding.

Are you still extending at-large invites?

No, this year we will not be extending any at-large invites to Nationals. Only the top placing student from each district will be able to attend Nationals in Big Questions.

Can I choose to go to Nationals in Big Questions over my main event?

No, if a student qualifies in a main event they must go in that event. However if they qualify in World Schools they may choose to waive that invitation and attend Nationals in Big Questions.

If I qualify for Big Questions do I need to bring a judge?

Each qualifier must provide a full-time judge for the entirety of the competition at the National Tournament. There is no option to buy-out the judge obligation. Students who do not provide a full-time judge will not be permitted to enter.

Questions?

Contact info@speechanddebate.org for more information. More details can be found on NSDABigQuestions.org.