



Earn thousands of dollars for your classroom or team!

2018-2019 topic is, *Resolved: Humans are primarily driven by self-interest.*

Minimum requirements

At least 15 students should compete in 3 rounds. Elimination rounds are not required, and rounds do not need to be held in one day. Parents and volunteers are welcome to judge. Students and judges will fill out a brief survey after the event.

Hold the event in whatever way works best for you! Some ideas:

- Hold a scrimmage with your team members at an after-school practice.
- Invite science teachers to do debates in their classroom during the school day.
- Add Big Questions as a consolation event at your upcoming tournament.

Do I need to be a member to hold an event?

Due to the demand for the Big Questions Grant, only NSDA members will be eligible to receive funding. If you are currently a non-member school, you can apply part of your Big Questions grant to cover the cost of membership! NSDA membership benefits include:

- Honor Society Membership for coach and student recognition
- Access to resources including textbooks, lesson plans, and topic analyses
- Access to our district and national tournament series
- Access to National Tournament videos through 2018

Money earned depends on the number of student competitors:

- A minimum of \$400 will be awarded for 15 participants and \$10 per additional student if 1 school is competing or \$20 per student if 2 or more schools are competing in Big Questions.
- Host several events to earn more money for your program! There is a \$7500 cap per entity.
- We have \$450,000 to award annually and \$20,000 in scholarships will be awarded at Nationals
- Grant money can be used for classroom supplies or fund speech and debate activities!

What free resources are available?

- All resources and lesson plans can be found on our website
- Sample cases (affirmative and negative) and over 50 pages of evidence (affirmative and negative)
- We have a Judge training course and demonstration round video.
- A format manual and topic analysis

New to debate? Big Questions is for you!

- Our goal is to make Big Questions an easy, fun way to raise money for your program. We can provide tournament and logistical support or develop any student/judge resources that would help!

Interested? Here's the process:

1. Apply Now! Funding is limited. Don't worry if details are tentative.
2. Use our free online resources!
3. Host your event.
4. Fill out the reporting form. Attach your results and any photos from your event!

Questions?

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