



## Speaking in a Royal Tradition: Bethel University Forensics Scholarships

Thank you for your interest in forensics scholarships at Bethel College. We hope that you will choose to be an active part of the Bethel College forensics team. Enclosed in this packet you will find here information about the Bethel forensics team, about the forensics scholarship, as well as our expectations for scholarship students. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Bethel's Forensics program is a comprehensive individual events and debate program. We participate in all individual events and Lincoln-Douglas and Parliamentary Debate. Students can choose from between 16-25 different tournaments during the year. We also attend the National Christian College Forensics Invitational, as well as other major tournaments such as Novice Nationals, the National Parliamentary Debate Association, and the National Forensics Association. We travel across the Upper Midwest, but go outside of the region as well.

### Scholarship Details:

Presently we offer renewable, non-need based scholarships up to \$2,000. The actual amount is based on past performance as well as potential for future performance. These scholarships are awarded both to incoming freshmen as well as transfer students. Scholarships are designed to reward both past forensic and academic achievement. These scholarships are renewable subject to the following requirements:

1. You must remain full-time (minimum of 12 credits per semester).
2. You must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students who fail to earn a 2.5 GPA will be given one semester probation, with reduced travel load.
3. You must attend a minimum number of tournaments and participate in a minimum number of events. These will be established in consultation with the director of forensics.
4. Scholarship students will attend weekly squad meetings, weekly practice sessions with the Director or another member of the coaching staff, and serve as a positive team influence.

## **Application Procedure:**

In order to be eligible for forensics scholarships, you must do the following:

1. Apply to Bethel University. On your application, indicate that you wish to be considered for the Performance Scholarship in Communication, or check off the “forensics” boxes on the application.
2. Fill out the application, include a sample of your work (audiotape or videotape), and have the reference form completed. If a videotape or audiotape is not practical, copies of ballots are acceptable.
3. Send the completed Forensics Application to:

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Criteria for awarding the scholarships are as follows: Past and predicted future success as a competitor, references from coaches, and potential for academic achievement at Bethel. Students awarded forensic scholarships are expected to live by the lifestyle standards of the Bethel community.

Please note: You do not have to be a communication major or minor in order to receive these awards.

Deadlines for application:

If you would like to be notified of a scholarship award with early action, your scholarship materials need to be in by January 15. This will allow us to be able to send you notification of potential scholarship awards in conjunction with your application decision.

Scholarship materials received after January 15 and before March 1 will be treated under a "rolling" scholarship policy. That is, we will notify you of potential scholarship awards as we receive your materials, but that does not guarantee acceptance into Bethel University.

If you would like to be notified of a scholarship award with regular deadlines, your scholarship materials need to be in by March 1. This will allow us to be able to send you notification of scholarship awards in conjunction with your application decision.

Please note: Bethel is no longer under a rolling admissions policy. The final application deadline (with receipt of all materials) is March 1. All scholarships are contingent upon acceptance by Bethel.



# Application for Forensics Scholarship:

Type or write legibly please!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Competitive Experience:**

College/High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years \_\_\_\_\_

Events done:

Brief listing of awards or recognitions received:



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Describe your concept of a forensics team.

What do you believe you could offer the Bethel College Forensics team?

What has forensics meant to you?



## Bethel University Forensics Scholarship: Recommendation

School Coach: This recommendation is to be completed by a current coach, or preferably the director of forensics at your current school.

Applicant Data: Applicant should complete this section and read the waiver notice:

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's waiver of right of access to confidential statement: I hereby voluntarily waive my right of access to any information contained on this recommendation form and agree that this statement shall remain confidential.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for Recommendation:

The student named above, having applied for admission to Bethel University and for consideration for a performance scholarship in communication (forensics scholarship), is required to have this form on file before a scholarship decision can be made. Your prompt attention will be appreciated. If this form is not adequate for your remarks, please feel free to provide your appraisal in any form you choose.

*Confidentiality:* Federal law gives students the right of waiving their right to see specific letters of recommendation. If the applicant has not signed the waiver statement above, we will assume that you are submitting information with full knowledge that it may be seen by the applicant if he or she is accepted and enrolls at Bethel University. If the above waiver is signed, your recommendation will remain confidential.

Reference Data:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet:

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Please comment on the applicant's forensics abilities. What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?
3. Please comment on the applicant's potential to compete on the college level.
4. Please describe how well the applicant fits into a team concept. How has the applicant shown leadership on the team?