



## DKC Students Need Support to Compete at Nationals

### Need & Opportunity

The *largest academic competition in the world* is coming to Overland Park, KS this summer and you can give local students from underprivileged schools the opportunity to compete. The National Speech and Debate Association Tournament (NSDAT) will host nearly 4,000 students from across the country and around the world. While high school students must qualify to the tournament, the middle school division can be entered by any student that can find travel and pay the entry fees.



DEBATE-Kansas City (DKC) is an Urban Debate League with 573 active debaters from 29 member middle and high schools in the Greater Kansas City area. Our students have competed at the NSDAT but in very limited numbers due to travel costs. Since the tournament is being held locally travel and lodging costs are removed, which leaves only one barrier for DKC students: tournament entry fees.

DKC has over **50 students** from twelve middle schools that have requested to compete at NSDAT. Each entry costs \$50. Most middle schools competing at the national tournament are from private or wealthy suburban schools with well-funded debate teams. However, our schools have depleted their limited debate budgets and the vast majority of our students are on free/reduced lunch, leaving their parents with little ability to help. Simply put without sponsorship DKC students will miss this unique opportunity to compete at a national speech and debate tournament.

**BECOME A DEBATE-KC NATIONALS SPONSOR FOR JUST \$50. YOU CAN USE DKC'S [WEBSITE](#) TO DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL.** Make a note on the PayPal transaction that your donation is for Junior Nationals. Or mail checks to:

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### What difference can your contribution make?

For \$50 a DKC student will have the chance to compete for a national championship. This is a once in a life time opportunity you can provide to a student in need for a fraction of the typical cost!

Please [donate](#) today to make this opportunity a reality!

### What do DKC Students Say?

"I am looking forward to participating in this year's NSDA Junior Nationals. This event will give me an experience that most people never get to have. This is a one chance in a lifetime type of opportunity. This is very important to me because I love debate and forensics and I hope to have a future in both. I think that debate and forensics help me develop my speaking skills and make me a better student. I plan to bring all of my knowledge of debate and forensics to the National Tournament this year."

Michael Ross- Coronado Middle School Student Kansas City Kansas

