

Dear Coaches,

The Great Communicator Debates will be hosted this summer at the Reagan Library in California.

The Northeastern Regional Qualification Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2021. It will be held online through Hop In.

Overview and Scholarships

Overview for the entire Great Communicator Debate Series can be found here: www.reaganfoundation.org/ReaganDebates

\$25,000 in scholarship money is awarded this year.

Registration policies

Debaters may participate in one regional tournament and the online tournament. Schools may register up to 6 debaters. After 6, debaters will be placed on a waiting list. We will clear the waiting list as quickly as possible. The tournament will be capped at 60 debaters.

Students who have competed in another regional qualifier may not participate in the Northeastern Regional Qualifier.

The registration fee is \$10 per student. Please pay through the link on tabroom.

Registration is due by 9 pm on April 27. Fees and judge obligations will be frozen at that time. After that time, you may not drop judges. Any student drops after that time must be paid for.

Schools must register online by clicking the CONFIRM ONSITE button between 8:00 and 8:30 on Saturday morning. Any school that fails to register on site will be dropped.

Competitor Rules and Eligibility

A complete set of Rules and Eligibility can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/great-communicator-debate-series/debate-resources/>

Judging Requirements

Each school must provide 1 judge for every 2 debaters or fraction thereof. Judges must be at least 18 years old and have been out of high school for two years to be eligible to judge, meaning the person should have graduated in June 2018 or earlier. **NO HIRED JUDGING IS PROVIDED.** Judges are expected to remain until the semifinal round is underway. No judge may leave earlier without the express permission of the tabroom. A judge's failure to remain could jeopardize a school's ability to compete in the future.

Sample ballot can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129899/great-communicator-debate-ballot-2017.pdf>

Judge Training Video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4nlGuYILQ4>

Debate Format

Details for the Great Communicator Debate Series debate format can be found here: https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129897/gcds-information-guide_final.pdf

The debate will be similar to Public Forum Debate, but students will compete individually.

The topic for the tournament is: ***Resolved: The United States should replace the electoral college with the popular vote in presidential elections***

Our proposed schedule will be the following:

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:45-9:15 Instructions

9:30: Round 1

11:00: Round 2

12:30: Round 3

2:00: Round 4

3:30: Octofinals

5:00: Quarters

6:15 Semis

7:15 Finals

8:15 Awards. The 8 debaters please be present.

We may have to add an elimination round if numbers require it. The schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Because we have one judge for every two debaters, we will single flight the rounds.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this tournament.

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