**Tall Cotton District World Schools Debate Application - 2025**

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| Name: |  |
| School: |  |
| Coach’s Name: |  |
| Current Entries at NSDA District: 1) 2) 3) |  |
| Total years of NSDA membership (not years competed but years as a member) (used for tiebreaker only) |  |
| Total NSDA points (used for tiebreaker only) |  |
| Please list three tournaments in which you have competed THIS YEAR in debate or extemp:1)2)3) |  |
| In the space below, please write a brief statement explaining why you would like to be chosen to represent the Tall Cotton District at nationals and compete in World Schools Debate specifically. This should be 100 words or less and in the student’s handwriting.  |  |
| We, the student, parent/guardian, coach, and principal, are prepared for this student, if selected, to attend the NSDA national tournament to represent the Tall Cotton District as a member of its World Schools Debate team. We understand that we represent not only our own school but the Tall Cotton NSDA district as well.We agree to allow the student (and coach) to meet with his/her team to prepare for nationals which MAY include missing school and paying travel expenses for the prep day. We agree that the school coach will help coach the team, even if not serving as the head coach.We agree to make this a priority and not treat it as less than any other qualification. We understand that, as a team, we are dependent on one another and missing practices, virtually or in person, and not doing our share of the prep work leaves our team at a disadvantage. We understand if the student does not participate in the preparation for nationals (attending meetings, responding to emails/texts, doing practice rounds, researching and writing cases, etc.), they will be removed from the team and replaced. We agree to abide by the NSDA Code of Honor which states: “**As a student or coach member of the National Speech & Debate Association, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of humility, equity, integrity, respect, leadership, and service in pursuit of excellence.”**Any and all costs associated with attending the national tournament will be the responsibility of the individuals below (sign appropriate spaces below):  |
| Student |  | Date |  |
| Parent/Guardian |  | Date |  |
| Coach |  | Date |  |
| Principal |  | Date |  |
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**Selection process**:

Coaches may nominate up to 4 students for the Tall Cotton World Schools Debate team.

A completed application for each nominee must be submitted at registration of the first day of the district tournament. The application must be signed by the coach, the student, the student’s parent/guardian, and a school administrator. These signatures represent an agreement that the student will be allowed to attend the national tournament. The expectation will be that the coach or another representative of the school will attend with the student, unless other arrangements are made (such as a coach from another school agreeing to take on responsibility for the student while at the national tournament). Another expectation is that the student and coach will work with the designated Tall Cotton WSD team coach(es) and the other members of the team in preparation for the tournament. Those who do not follow through by working with their teammates will be removed from the team and replaced with the next alternate.

We will select teams from the list of first alternates to nationals. We will use years of membership and points as tie breakers only.