

St. Cloud State University Speech & Debate

**Home of the 2005 National Oratory Champion,
2006, 2007, & 2008 MN State Champions in Our Division*,
14th place (2009) and 11th place (2010) at the PKD National Tournament and
Parliamentary Debate Champions (2012 PKD-Novice Division)!**

(*2006=Limited School Division; 2007=Intermediate School Division; 2008=Limited School Division)

Why Participate in College Forensics?

Speech and debate provides students with an opportunity to grow as a person, communicator and performer; the opportunity to strengthen research and organizational skills; the opportunity to share and experience literature and creative performance that helps to define us as humans; and the opportunity to learn how to be one's best – competitively and personally!

What Events Are Offered at SCSU?

- Oral Interpretation: Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation
- Public Address: Persuasive Speaking, Informative Speaking, After Dinner Speaking and Communication Analysis
- Limited Preparation: Extemporaneous Speaking and Impromptu Speaking
- Debate: Team Parliamentary Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate

How Much Experience Is Necessary to Compete?

No experience is necessary; the program is a service to the university community. The only requirement is that students have a desire to learn and a willingness to

sufficiently prepare. SCSU Forensics is open to all students in good standing.

How Much Does It Cost to Participate?

It is free. Forensics is funded by the Student Government Finance Committee, the Department of Communication Studies, and the College of Liberal Arts. The budget covers all travel, lodging, and tournament fees. Due to fundraising efforts, students also receive a per diem to offset the price of meals.

Are Forensics Scholarships Available?

Yes, Mary Ahles Adams Forensics Scholarships are available to incoming students. The criteria for the awards include past performance in high school speech activities (speech, debate), academic promise, and financial need. The scholarships require regular travel with the squad. Scholarship applications are available by contacting the SCSU Director of Forensics.

How To Get Started?

Contact the Director of Forensics, Scott Wells, at Department of Communication Studies, 720 Fourth Avenue South, Riverview 211A, St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498, 320-308-3000, sdwells@stcloudstate.edu, <http://studentorg.stcloudstate.edu/forensics/forensics.html>