



THE MISSOURI STATE GREAT SCIENCE DEBATE

Recognition – Awards – Scholarships – Trophies – Cash Prizes

Participate in “The Missouri State Great Science Debate”, an annual component of the Missouri Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium! Field a team of four students from grades 10, 11, or 12 that will be willing to debate another four-member team from a challenging school and join the 2010 JSEHS Missouri State Great Science Debate. At least one member of the team must submit a research paper to the Symposium for competition in accordance with the JSEHS guidelines. All team members, however, must be registered to attend the Symposium.

The 2010 Topic Appropriate vs. Not Appropriate

Resolved: “That it is appropriate for the national government to adopt the philosophy of the Tragedy of the Commons and own, control and lease rights to the common natural resources including water, air, waste facilities and energy sources.”

The competition will be in the traditional Parliamentary Style format as established by the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Fine Arts and Communication. If you are interested in voicing your opinion, wanting to be heard and like competing for recognition, awards, scholarships, trophies and cash prizes, then this debate is the challenge for you and your team. If your school’s team is chosen, you will go brain-to-brain and mouth-to-mouth with the competing school on Friday afternoon, March 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of the JSEHS program. The winning team will be awarded \$1,000 for their science department and the runner-up team \$500.

Teams of four members from two lucky schools will be chosen to represent each side of the resolution. Time limits will be alternating five-minute speeches by each student with three-minute cross examinations by the opposing team. Thirty minutes will be allowed for audience questions at the end of the presentations. The winning team will be selected by the audience and a panel of professional judges. The Pierre Laclède Honors College in cooperation with the College of Fine Arts and Communication at the University of Missouri-St. Louis will determine the rules and guidelines, oversee the judging and administer the contest. Decision of the judges is final.

Complete the application form available on our website and: e-mail (diley@umsl.edu), fax (314-516-6233) or mail to Missouri State Great Science Debate, Dept. of Biology, 238 Research Complex, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63121-4400.

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2010

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