



Debater of the Year

Highlighting students whose lives were transformed by debate

Qualifications

- Seniors graduating in 2026
- GPA of at least 2.00
- Active in their urban debate league for the last two years
- Display leadership in the debate community
- Able to attend the Urban Debate National Championship

Key Dates

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| • Nov 5 | Application Opens |
| • Nov 26 | First Application Due |
| • Dec 12 | Finalists Announced |
| • Jan 12 | Final Application Due |
| • Feb 2-6 | Debater of the Year Announced |
| • Mar 5 | Annual Dinner |
| • April 11-13 | In-Person UDNC |

APPLICATION

The Debater of the Year award recognizes a debater who demonstrates commitment to debate, improvement in their academic performance and leadership in their school, urban debate league and community.

Finalists in the competition will receive a college scholarship of at least \$1,000.

The Debater of the Year will receive a college scholarship of at least \$2,000 and will deliver an in-person keynote speech at the 2026 Annual Dinner. The winner and their partner will automatically qualify for the Urban Debate National Championship if they are not already qualified.



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