

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

EDUARD BUSS FORENSICS (Speech Team) SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026

APPLICATION

Highland Community College offers a number of scholarships for forensics (Speech Team). Applications will be accepted from students, who have been accepted to or are currently attending Highland Community College full-time. Exceptions to the criteria may be made by the Director of Forensics in consultation with the Dean of Humanities and the Highland Community College Foundation.

Requirements:

1. A 2.0 GPA is required for high school, college, and must be maintained while attending Highland Community College. A 2.5 GPA is preferred and will be given first consideration.
2. Must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours at Highland Community College, participating on the Highland Forensics team. Full-time students will be given first consideration.
3. Character and maturity that will be complementary to Highland Community College and to the HCC Forensics Team, that encompasses public speaking, interpretations, and debate.

A written thank you letter to the donor will be required before award is applied to your account. Letters should be sent c/o HCC Foundation, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032 or emailed to foundation@highland.edu

FILING DEADLINE: September 19, 2025

Please print or type clearly. Use extra paper if necessary.

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____ Town/State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Your High School: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Received GED: _____

College(s) Attended: _____ GPA: _____

Major or Academic Emphasis: _____

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Please attach a 200 - 300-word essay explaining why you are interested in the forensics team and what you hope to get from the experience. Also, use this statement to show how you meet the scholarship guidelines, or to make any argument you wish for the waiver of particular requirements. Essays should be typed and double-spaced.

Previous forensics experience (if any, not a requirement for scholarship).

Which forensics events do you plan to compete in? (General Areas of Emphasis: Public Address, Oral Interpretation, Limited Preparation, Debate)

How many tournaments will you attend this year: _____
(The team generally competes at roughly 9 tournaments per year, either digitally or in-person)

Please staple an **UNOFFICIAL** copy of your high school, college, GED, etc. Unofficial copies of Highland transcripts **MUST** be obtained/requested from the Admissions and Records Office; transcripts printed from ROAR will **NOT** be accepted.

I authorize Highland Community College to release my financial information and other academic records to the HCCF Scholarship review committee for purposes that may be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed application to: HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
2998 W. PEARL CITY ROAD
FREEPORT, IL 61032