



# Minnesota Urban Debate League

## Volunteer Descriptions

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### Tournament Volunteer

The Minnesota Urban Debate League Hosts a number of tournaments throughout the year that we could use help with staffing. Volunteer roles include the **Greeter, Judges Lounge Staffer, Ballot Runner, and Tab Room Check-in**. By volunteering you will ensure that we are able to keep costs low by hosting tournaments ourselves instead of sending folks elsewhere.

#### Minimum Requirements

- Be available for at least one four-hour shift on:

| Event  | Date            | Location                      |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| University of Minnesota Policy Debate Tournament & Minnesota Round Robin | October 11 - 12 | University of Minnesota       |
| Hopkins Royal Cup  | October 18 - 19 | Hopkins High School           |
| UDLJV & Novice Scrimmage   | October 24      | South High School (tentative) |

- Be able to correspond via email beforehand about duties and transportation to the tournament(s) you are scheduled to volunteer at.
- Total Time Commitment: 4-8 hours over two months.

### Middle School Judge

The competitive debate season runs October - March; during this time students will attend up to 4 tournaments throughout the Twin Cities. The league is required to provide judges for debate rounds. Tournaments are typically held on weekdays from 3pm - 7:30 pm. Judges watch the debate round, evaluate teams on logic, effective argumentation, and speaking skills. They pick a winner and assign speaking points to individual students and provide written feedback on their decision. By volunteering you will save the league hundreds of dollars in judging fees.

#### Minimum Requirements

- Attend 2-hour judging training
- Attend 2 tournaments
- Total Time commitment: approximately 10 - 12 hours over 9 months

## **High School Judge**

The competitive debate season runs October - December; during this time students will attend up to 6 tournaments throughout the Twin Cities. The vast majority of tournaments occur on Friday afternoon and evenings and all-day Saturday. Judges watch the debate round, evaluate teams on logic, effective argumentation, and speaking skills. They pick a winner and assign speaking points to individual students and provide written feedback on their decision. By volunteering you will save the league hundreds of dollars in judging fees and provide an invaluable service to the community.

We will work with you to be flexible with your needs and schedules, as you are doing a great service for the students in our program.

High School Judge volunteers will undergo a small training session that will educate them on the norms of high school debate, including debate evaluation, the style of the activity, and how to make effective and informative decisions.

Minimum Requirements:

- Attend 2-hour judging training
- Attend minimum of two 1-day tournaments, one 2-day tournament or four half-day tournaments
- Total time commitment: approximately 18 - 20 hours over 3 months

## **Team Volunteer**

We look to volunteers to help provide assistance and support to the schools we serve. As a team volunteer you will provide positive feedback and support to students during practice rounds and at debate tournaments. You will assist coaches in both coaching and chaperoning - and will help foster a positive culture for the debate team. In many ways you will become a mentor and role model to students on the team.

Minimum Requirements

- Receive training in judging, debate theory, youth development
- Submit paper work to complete a background check
- Attend minimum of 6 practices and 2 debate tournaments
- Time commitment - approximately 30 - 35 hours over 3 months

## **Volunteer Assistant Coach (High School or Middle School)**

As a volunteer assistant coach you would provide a **significant** amount of service to the league. This is a large time commitment - but it also has great rewards. Some of your responsibilities would include: coordinating weekly and twice weekly practices at the high school; attending, chaperoning, judging and observing teams at tournaments; assisting in implementing the advancement plan and recruitment plan for students; help foster a positive team culture and act as a mentor for students on the team.

- Receive training in judging, debate theory, youth development
- Submit paper work to complete a background check
- Attend minimum of 14 practices and 5 debate tournaments

- Time commitment - approximately 80 hours over 4 months

**How to get involved:** If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Mai Yer Vang, Community Outreach Coordinator at vangmy@augsborg.edu, or 612-330-1730.