

RONALD REAGAN DEBATE SERIES



Competition Rules & Eligibility

Regional Competition Rules

- Competitors are allowed to compete in one geographic regional competition and/or the nationwide online regional competition.
- Each student at an in-person qualifying competition must be under the immediate supervision of an adult who may be their coach, parent, or other adult approved by the high school administration. Students competing online must have a supervising adult judging and/or otherwise immediately available.
- A contestant who does not appear at the scheduled time to speak will forfeit.
- Only students enrolled in grades 9-12 are allowed to compete. Middle school students are not eligible to compete.
- Competitors located in other regions of the world are welcome to compete, but the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is only able to cover transportation expenses for travel originating within the 50 United States.
- After competing in the final round of debate at the regional level, one winner from each region will qualify for the National Championship. Each finalist will receive flight and hotel room for themselves and one chaperone.

National Championship

- If a contestant is unable to participate in the National Championship, it will be up to the discretion of the regional partner and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute to determine an alternate participant for the national championship.
- Each student at the national championship must be under the immediate supervision of an adult who may be his/her coach, parent, or other adult approved by the high school administration and acceptable to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.

