**Ontario Student Debating Union**

**2021 Team Canada National Tryout Application**

Information:

This application is intended for students interested in applying for the 2021-2022 Canadian National Debate Team. The National tryout will take place online from May 22-24, 2021. In order to attend this qualifier, interested students must first be selected by OSDU. In order to be considered, please complete and submit this application by email to [osdupresident@gmail.com](mailto:osdupresident@gmail.com) **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday February 20th.** Students must also still be registered in high school in September 2021; meaning students currently in Grade 12 who intend to graduate high school this spring are not eligible.

A qualified panel will review all written applications, **and select three students to attend the National Tryout in May**. **Successful applicants will be notified by OSDU on or before February 26th, 2021.** Students who are not successful in their application can still attempt to qualify through the Alternate Application process. I will provide this application to debaters who are interested in attempting the alternate process as well, after our delegates are decided.

The panel will evaluate applications based on a series of criteria including debate results, interest in participating in Team Canada, critical thinking, knowledge of debate, etc. There are no minimum or maximum lengths for written answers; it is at your discretion to enlighten the panel as to why you would be the best choice to represent Ontario at the National Tryout.

Application:

**Section 1: Debater Information**

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| Name: |  |
| Grade (current): |  |
| School: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| # of years debating: |  |

**Section 2: Debate Results**

Please fill in the table below outlining your **strongest** debate achievements. You may fill in **up to 10 tournaments**, but do not need to use all of the spaces provided.

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| **Tournament Name** | **Tournament Year** | **Individual Result** | **Team Result** |
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**Section 3: Written Application**

1. Why do you feel you would be a strong candidate for Team Canada?
2. How do you see your participation in debate evolving if you are given the opportunity to try out for Team Canada? What would you do with the knowledge you obtain?
3. How do you case prep? (i.e. during the 15 minutes you have to prepare an impromptu case, what is your method of developing a strong case)
4. What is your greatest strength as a debater, what is an area where you would like to improve?
5. Is there any other information that you wish for the panel to consider when evaluating your application?
6. List below a motion that you have debated in the past (that you enjoyed, preferably)
7. Develop two strategic and innovative constructive arguments for each side of this motion (we do not require a word-for-word presentation of each argument, a thorough description either written or in point form is fine). Please ensure all important lines of argumentation are included so that your logic can be followed.

**Proposition:**

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| Description of Content: | Description of Content: |

**Opposition:**

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