**Ontario Student Debating Union**

**2023-2024 Team Canada National Tryout Application**

Information:

This application is intended for students interested in applying for the 2023-2024 Canadian National Debate Team. The National tryout will take place in Calgary from April 25 to 27. 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 **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday February 24th.** Students must also still be registered in high school in September 2023 meaning students currently in Grade 12 who intend to graduate high school this spring are not eligible. **You must allow attend an OSDU member school who paid their membership for this year.**

A qualified panel will review all written applications, **and select three students to attend the National Tryout in April**. **Successful applicants will be notified by OSDU on or before March 1st, 2023.** 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 ( max 500 words )**

**Please consider the following in your 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?