GENERAL INFORMATION
The CMU Forensic program has an over 40-year tradition of competing successfully at prestigious events across the nation. Our students have won numerous awards at the National Forensics Association's National Tournament, the National Junior Division Debate Tournament, and the National Debate Tournament, with the team covering lodging, transportation, entry fee and meal expenses. Our Special Talent Scholarship program is part of our ongoing effort to provide top students with growth opportunities beyond the classroom. Each year several students are awarded $1,000 Special Talent Scholarships, which are distributed to their CMU account in payments of $500 each semester. On meeting the renewal requirements (see below), awards of $500 continue each fall and spring semester to a maximum award of $4,000.

SELECTION PROCESS
Scholarships winners will be primarily determined through consideration of your previous debate experience and the information provided through the two mandatory recommendations detailed below.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND DEADLINE
Students must submit this completed application form and two letters of recommendation – one from a person who can assess your academic ability and a second from a person who can evaluate your talent as a potential competitor in college forensics. To submit this application form, save your completed form and either email it to: cesen1bj@cmich.edu or print it and send it using any mail service to the following address:

CMU
Special Talent Scholarship Committee – Forensics
Central Michigan University
333 Moore Hall
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

Note: We also recommend that competitors begin the admission process by submitting an application for admission and your high school/college transcripts. More information is available online at: apply.cmich.edu.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS
In order to renew your scholarship for additional semesters, you must complete and return a renewal form to our office by the end of the last week of classes each semester, and:

1. Carry at least 12 credit hours each semester.
2. Maintain and overall grade point average of 2.5 on a four point system at Central Michigan University.
3. Satisfactorily prepare for and participate in a minimum of three tournaments per semester.
4. Make an earnest effort to implement the suggestions of the coaching staff concerning preparation for competition.
5. Make an earnest effort to attend appropriate tournaments designed by the coaching staff.
6. Assist with events and tournaments sponsored by the Central Michigan University forensics program.

QUESTIONS
Feel free to contact us at (989) 774-3177 if you have any questions about the scholarship process.
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL TALENT SCHOLARSHIP
DEBATE AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Permanent Home Address: __________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ____ Postal Code: ___________ Country: ___________

Present Address: ___________________________ Until? ______________________

City: ___________________________ State: ____ Postal Code: ___________ Country: ___________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile Phone: ___________________________

E-mail address: ___________________________ Date of Birth: __________

Date: ___________________________ CMU ID # (if available): __________

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School Name: ___________________________ Graduation Month/year __________

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _______________ Scale: __________

Entrance Exam score (optional): ACT ___________ SAT ___________ Date Taken: __________

College Name (if over 20 credit hours completed): ___________________________

College Credit Hours Completed: ___________ College Cum. GPA: ___________ Scale: __________

College Major: ___________________________

Name - Reference 1: ___________________________ Name - Reference 2: ___________________________

FORENSIC INFORMATION

Area of Primary Forensic Interest:  ☐ Debate  ☐ Individual Events

Please describe your forensic experience as detailed on the following page.
FORENSIC EXPERIENCE
Please describe your forensic experience by indicating what tournaments you have attended, the date of the tournament, what event you competed in, and what awards you won at those tournaments. (Refer to page one for application submission instructions)