

Dear Kentucky NSDA Coaches:

In August, the National Speech and Debate Association is holding its first ever National Speech and Debate Education conference. I have been on the planning committee for this event, and it's been great to see it all come together. At times, our experience as the lead organization in SPEAK and that conference has served as a guide to the committee on procedures for the national event. It's been spectacular.

Your Kentucky District Committee has been talking and would like to sponsor a coach who would like to attend the conference. Thus, we are willing to pay up to \$1000 of expenses toward registration/lodging/transportation/subs for a Kentucky NSDA coach who wishes to attend; these expenses should be ones that are not being paid for or reimbursed by the coach's school, naturally.

I invited you to take another look at the conference here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/conferences/>. It's called Elevating Speech and Debate. In my heart, it's called Speak Every Mountain.

If you would like to be considered for this funding for the trip, please write a letter addressed to the Kentucky District Committee and sent as an attachment to me via email no later than June 14. Your letter should include your role at your school (speech and debate courses you teach if any, what you coach), your length of time in your current job and in speech and debate overall, and specific examples of sessions you hope to attend at the conference and goals you hope to attain by attending. If there are multiple applicants, one will be selected by the committee based on the merits of the letter.

I am presenting at the Conference and will be attending. I know Amy Z from Trinity is also going. I hope to see even more of you there and look forward to reading your letters!

Yours,

Steve Meadows, Danville HS
Kentucky District Chair