

West Des Moines Valley High School Debate  
2015 Sophomore Throw Down  
Application

## What is the Sophomore Throw-Down?

Now in its fifth year, the Sophomore Throw-Down is the nation's premier sophomores-only Lincoln-Douglas debate round robin. We offer amazing competition, excellent judging, spectacular hospitality, and uniquely beautiful awards:

<https://www.facebook.com/WDMValleydebate/photos/pcb.693959770688774/693959404022144/?type=1&theater>

## When does the Throw-Down take place?

The Throw-Down takes place on the Friday before the Valley Mid-America Cup. This year, the date of the Throw-Down is Friday, September 25.

## What are the requirements for the Sophomore Throw-Down?

1. You must be a sophomore in high school in the 2015-2016 school year.
2. You must represent an accredited, diploma-granting public or private high school or a sanctioned home school program.
3. You are expected to also enter and compete in the Mid-America Cup.
4. If you are traveling independently, you must meet the independent entry requirements of the Mid-America Cup. That means:
  - A) You must travel with an adult chaperone.
  - B) Both your school and coach must approve your entry in the tournament.

## How do I apply?

All you have to do is send an email to tournament director Dave McGinnis via email at:

*mcgin029@gmail.com*

In the email, provide all of the following information:

Name:

School:

Coach Name:

Coach Email:

Coach Cell:

Judge Name\*:

Provide your top 6 freshman year accomplishments. Include the name, location and date of the tournament; the division you competed in; your prelim W/L record; your elim W/L record; and any speaker awards you received.

\*Preference will be given to debaters who can bring qualified Lincoln-Douglas debate judges. Make sure your judge can attend before listing their name. We will consider applicants who cannot bring a judge, but we have only limited hired judging so your ability to bring a qualified varsity-level judge will improve your chances of admission.