# UMW Debate Tournament – 2017

#### Dates

Friday, October 13 to Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

#### Entries

Entries will be accepted in all three divisions – novice, junior varsity, and varsity.

Hybrid entries are welcome and eligible to clear.

The Novice Division will be using the ADA’s restricted evidence set – all evidence presented in such debates should be from the evidence maintained by the ADA Novice Curriculum Committee, and Debaters may not present evidence from outside the evidence set.

In each division, there will be six preliminary rounds of debate competition, with an appropriate number of elimination rounds relative to the field, not to exceed octafinals.

The topic for debates will be the 2017-2018 resolution [Resolved: The United States Federal Government should establish national health insurance in the United States.]

The entry deadline is October 6 at 5 pm. Teams dropping after that time will be assessed entry fees.

#### Fees

$60 per participant. Fees will be locked in on Friday, October 6.

Please pay fees in CASH or by a CHECK made out to the University of Mary Washington.

* Please do NOT make checks out to UMW Debate.
* We cannot accept credit card payments at this time.
* If you need paperwork for invoicing purposes, please contact Adrienne Brovero ([adri.debate@gmail.com](mailto:adri.debate@gmail.com)) by October 1.
* Entry fees are expected to be paid in a timely fashion, prior to the first round of the tournament.

Please be sure to indicate on Tabroom.com any specific dietary needs/vegetarians/vegans in your contingent, as well as the total head count of your contingent. This information should also be emailed to Judd Kimball ([jdk.debate@gmail.com](mailto:jdk.debate@gmail.com)) by Friday, October 6.

#### Judging Requirements

Judge philosophies, as a precondition of entry, must be posted to judges’ Tabroom.com accounts no later than October 9. Each school must provide 3 rounds of prelim judging per team, and each judge is obligated through two elimination rounds on Sunday. Judges are expected to judge debates assigned to them by the tournament tab room. Judges must vote for one and only one team in each debate.

#### Tournament Hotel

**Wingate by Windham**

20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Rate - $79.99 (plus taxes)

Contact info: All reservations need to be made by contacting the hotel directly at 540.368.8000 and providing the block name: “UMW Debate”. Shay Dunbar is our sales contact at the hotel.

#### Other Hotel Options

There are also at least four Marriott-variety hotels within 15 minutes of campus. Other options (among many relatively inexpensive options in the Fredericksburg area – you might ask if they have and will give you a UMW rate) include:

**Hyatt Place Fredericksburg-Mary Washington (pricier, but adjacent/walkable to campus)**

1241 Jefferson Davis Highway

Fredericksburg, Virginia, USA, 22401

Phone: (540) 654-3333

**Best Western Fredericksburg**

2205 Plank Road

Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401-5226

Phone: (540) 371-5050

#### Airports/Other Transport

If you are flying, the airports you should look into are Richmond (RIC, about an hour south of Fred, depending on traffic), Dulles (IAD) or National (DCA) – these latter two airports can be anywhere from 1 – 2.5 hours depending on I-95 traffic. If you have transportation-related questions, please contact Judd ([jdk.debate@gmail.com](mailto:jdk.debate@gmail.com)) or Adrienne ([adri.debate@gmail.com](mailto:adri.debate@gmail.com)).

#### Hospitality

Dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday. Snacks and coffee will be available throughout the day.

#### Conduct

All participants debate at the invitation of the University of Mary Washington according to its university policies and tournament rules, as well as any rules of their sponsoring institutions. The tournament abides by the rules and norms of the American Forensics Association and the American Debate Association.

#### Tentative Schedule

**Friday, October 13**

12-2 pm Registration – 1201 William St. basement lounge

3 pm Pairings online for rounds 1 & 2

4 pm Round 1

Dinner

7 pm Round 2

**Saturday, October 14**

7 am Pairings online for rounds 3 & 4

8 am Round 3

11 am Round 4

Lunch

2:15 pm Round 5

5:15 pm Round 6

Elim pairing will be available

**Sunday, October 15 – All rounds in Combs**

7:30 am Deadline for coin flip in flip-for-sides debates as per ADA coin flip rule

8 am First elimination round

11 am Awards

11:45 am Elimination rounds continue