



*Ambassadors for Christ Speech & Debate Club*  
*Christian Communicators of Tennessee*  
**ambassadorclub.homeschooldebate.net**  
*Registration Packet 2023-2024*

Ambassadors for Christ is a local Speech & Debate Club under Christian Communicators of Tennessee. As a club we are affiliated with the national homeschool league, Stoa. ([www.stoausa.org](http://www.stoausa.org)). We meet at Aspen Grove Christian Church, 274 Mallory Station Road, Franklin, on Mondays from 9:30-12:30. We offer a Junior Varsity (JV) Group for ages 8-12 and a Senior Varsity (SV) Group for ages 12-18.

Being a part of Ambassadors for Christ will strengthen your child in multiple areas including, but not limited to: critical thinking skills; writing skills; research skills; presentation skills; and communication skills. As such your child will be accountable to participate in club; complete homework assignments; and participate in tournaments.

If this is your family's first or second year in Ambassadors for Christ your SV student(s) will most likely be in the Novice Speech and Novice Debate group. In the Novice group your student(s) will be learning the basics of communication and debate and as such their accountability will be in the form of suggested grades given by the coaches. The coaches will provide a syllabus at the beginning of the year and/or semester that will outline their expectations of your student(s) for Novice Speech and Novice Debate. These expectations will include a requirement of participation in our two locally hosted tournaments – one in November 2023 and one in February 2024.

The Advanced Speech, Advance Team Policy Debate and Lincoln Douglas Debate groups are comprised of SV students who have participated in Ambassadors for Christ before (or have transferred from another state where they had participated in a club) and are generally self-motivated and are planning to compete in multiple tournaments throughout the season, including our two locally hosted tournaments.

In order to participate in any Stoa tournament throughout the season, your family must also register with Stoa. This registration may be found at [www.stoausa.org/events/membership-registration/](http://www.stoausa.org/events/membership-registration/) Upon completion of this registration you will be assigned an Affiliate Number which will be required to register for tournaments. Please note – if you have **only** JV students and are **not** planning to attend tournaments outside of our local ones, you are not required to register with Stoa.

Completing this registration confirms that you have read and understand the previous statements.

<b>Family Last Name:</b>		<b>Address:</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Father</b>			
<b>Mother</b>			
<b>Umbrella School:</b>			

*Please fill out the following, circling the amount based on your child's planned participation in Ambassadors for Christ during 2023-24.*

Child	Name	Age	Grade	Email	SV or JV Year Fee*	SV Speech Only Fee*	SV Debate Only Fee*
1					305	215	215
2					255	180	180
3					180	140	140
4					100	95	95
5					0	0	0
6					0	0	0
<b>Total Due:</b>							

\*Family Cap for the SV/JV Year is \$840 and for SV Speech or SV Debate Only is \$630.

**Checks made payable to Ambassador Club**

**You may give your checks to Ambassador Club Treasurer at Club or mail them to:**

**Maribeth Helton, Ambassador Club Treasurer  
1229 Donelson Avenue  
Old Hickory, TN 37178**

**One check for the year:**

ck# \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Semester Checks:**

Sept. ck# \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. ck# \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions about different payment arrangements, please contact Lana Thornton at [lane.thornton@gmail.org](mailto:lane.thornton@gmail.org)

## **Ambassador Club Medical & Liability Release**

I give permission for my child to participate in the Ambassadors for Christ Speech and Debate Club (AfCS&DC) which meets weekly from 9:30-12:30 on Monday mornings during the school year, August 28, 2023 – April 15, 2024, at the Aspen Grove Christian Church (AGCC).

I am aware that my or my child's participation in the AfCS&DC may result in risks, which, among other things, include but are not limited to contracting coronavirus and/or experiencing various physical injuries and I freely assume on my own and on my child's behalf all risks incidental to such participation.

In consideration of the participation of my child in AfCS&DC and on my child's behalf, I hereby waive all claims against, release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge AfCS&DC, AGCC, and its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, principals, agents, representatives, volunteers, contractors, successors, and assigns (the "Released Parties") of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and expenses of any nature arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with the AfCS&DC activities, my attendance at the AfCS&DC at AGCC, the participation of my child in the AfCS&DC and/or any such related and associated activities of any kind whatsoever, and further agree to indemnify and hold each of the Released Parties harmless from and against any and all such liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and expenses including by way of example, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees, costs of court, and the costs and expenses of other professionals and disbursements up through and including any appeal arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with mine and/or my child(ren)'s attendance at or participation of my child(ren) in the AfCS&DC.

I also understand and agree that AfCS&DC & AGCC are committed to resolving in a Biblical manner all disputes of any kind or nature that may arise concerning the AfCS&DC or our involvement in the AfCS&DC.

This commitment is based on God's command that Christians should strive earnestly to live at peace with one another (see Matt. 5:9; John 17:20–23; Rom. 12:18; and Eph. 4:1–3) and that when disputes arise, Christians should resolve them according to the principles set forth in Holy Scripture (see Prov. 19:11; Matt. 5:23–25; 18:15–20; 1 Cor. 6:1–8; Gal. 6:1).

AfCS&DC & AGCC both believe that these commands and principles are obligatory on all Christians and absolutely essential for the well-being and work of the Body of Christ. As a result, we agree if we have a dispute of any kind with AfCS&DC and/or AGCC arising out of or concerning in any way our activities with the AfCS&DC and cannot resolve it internally through the steps given above, we will obey God's command not to go into the civil court (1 Cor. 6:1–8). Instead, we will submit the matter to mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker Ministries, <https://peacemaker.training>.

## **STOA & Ambassador Club Statement of Faith**

1. There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, 2 Corinthians 13:14)
2. Man is sinful and therefore separated from God, who is holy and perfect. (Isaiah 53:5-9, Romans 3:23, I Peter 1:15-16)
3. Jesus Christ paid the eternal penalties for our sin through His death on the cross. (Luke 24:46, I Peter 2:21)
4. Jesus Christ also resurrected bodily and ascended into heaven and will return one day to fulfill His kingdom. (Matthew 28:6, Revelation 19:11)
5. Only through Jesus Christ and the grace of His provision of salvation, may we be saved from eternal punishment, enter into God's family and receive eternal life. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, Romans 8:11, I John 1:9)
6. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible and authoritative Word of God and the truth for Christian faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, John 17:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Psalm 19:7-11, John 6:67-69)

## **Ambassadors for Christ Honor Code**

Being a member of the Ambassadors for Christ Speech and Debate Club is a privilege. Like all privileges, it comes with certain responsibilities. We ask every student of Ambassadors for Christ to personally accept, with integrity, each of the following responsibilities as a student and a follower of Christ:

### **To God Almighty:**

- I will seek to honor the Lord in all that I think, say, and do (Matt. 22:37 & Deut. 26:17).

### **To My Parents, as leaders & providers of my education, of which Ambassadors for Christ is a part:**

- It is my goal to honor my parents in everything I think, say, and do (Ex. 20: 12).
- I will seek to learn all that I can from my parents because God has made them a critical voice for His truth in my life. (Ps. 78: 1-15 & Eph. 6:1-3)

### **To My Coaches and Club Leaders:**

- I will demonstrate respect, attentiveness, gratitude, and submissiveness to my Coaches and Club leadership. (I Peter 2:17)
- I will seek to learn from them and on my own initiative as much as I can (Col. 3:23)
- With the above in mind, I commit to do all the work I am assigned by my Coaches with diligence and integrity (Col. 3:23 & Eph. 5: 8-17)

### **To My Fellow Club members:**

- I will honor and respect the time, work, and feelings of my fellow students (Rom. 12: 9- 18 & Eph. 5: 21).
- I will work to model honesty, integrity, humility, kindness, modesty and Christian love in my relationships (Phil. 2: 3-7).
- I will never mock or belittle my fellow Club mates, especially regarding their efforts in Speech & Debate, but rather intentionally give encouragement to strengthen each student and our Club (I Thess. 5:1)
- I realize that disturbances affect everyone at Ambassador Club and will strive for peace & unity (Eph. 4:1-6).

Ambassadors for Christ Leadership Team in consultation with our Coaches reserves the right to impose consequences for failure to abide by our Club's Honor Code. Consequences may include (but are not limited to) a verbal reprimand, parent meeting, prohibition from an event, tournament disqualification, and expulsion from Ambassadors for Christ.

Our signatures below signify our acknowledgement of the Ambassador Medical and Liability Release; our agreement with the Stoa and Ambassador Club Statement of Faith; our commitment to the Ambassadors for Christ Honor Code; and our understanding of the possible consequences of failure to act in accordance with these standards.

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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