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Ways To Give

Donations

Your tax-deductible gift makes a real difference for Kansas City youth. Individual financial contributions are the backbone of the DEBATE-Kansas City, fueling tournaments and workshops for our young advocates, professional development for our teachers, and much more. Please consider becoming a monthly donor to DKC. Monthly donations help support the organization year round and demonstrate to other funding organizations that we have broad community support. If just 25 people donate \$20 a month that is equivalent to us receiving a \$6,000 grant. This kind of support helps DKC make debate a reality in Kansas City Schools. To donate simply click on DKC's PayPal button below. No account is required, and we welcome gifts of all sizes. Please use transaction notes if you are donating for a specific purpose.

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Volunteers

Debate Kansas City depends on volunteers to judge our middle school and high school tournaments. No experience is necessary-Volunteering does not require a debate background. DKC has trained hundreds of people in the KC area to become judges. DKC provides judging sessions at every DKC tournament and on

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Our History

DEBATE-Kansas City was conceived in 1998 as part of a national movement to get debate back into urban schools, which was ironically fueled by the collapse of democracy in the former Soviet Union. When the Iron Curtain fell, the Open Society Institute (OSI) of New York was inspired to fund debate and democracy training in Eastern Europe. American supporters of debate used this moment to highlight the need for debate programs in America's urban schools...

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