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The Lund Debate Society Memorial Fund Regulations

This document sets the regulations for how the Lund Debate Society Memorial Fund will be used. It gives an explanation for the selection criteria, the scholarship amounts and who has the right to make changes to the document. The aim of this document is to provide financial assistance for debaters in Lund and foster a vigorous debating culture in Lund.

1. Name

The name of the fund is “Lund Debate Society Memorial Fund”, henceforth ‘the fund’.

The name of the scholarship is “Lund Debate Society Memorial Scholarship”, henceforth ‘the scholarship’.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the fund shall be to provide financial assistance for the most active debaters in Lund in order to foster a vigorous debating culture in Lund that has international ties to the international British Parliamentary style debating community.

3. Eligibility

Any student who is a registered student at Lund University at the time of both (a) application and (b) during the debate tournament in question and (c) a member of UPF is eligible to receive the scholarship.

Scholarships are given to applicants for attending the European Universities Debating Championships (EUDC) or the World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC).

Only if no scholarships were awarded during regular calls for applicants can extra calls for applicants be made for other British Parliamentary style tournaments.

4. Custodians

The Association of Foreign Affairs in Lund (UPF) are the custodians of the Lund Debate Society Memorial Fund. If there are any disagreements as to the interpretation of these status, the President of UPF has the right to interpret them.

5. Selection Process

Selection of scholarship recipients is made through a board decision of UPF. These decisions should be made on the basis of applications from eligible members. Debate Coordinators should be consulted for information regarding the extent to which a given applicant is satisfying the selection criterium outlined in section 6.

Applications should open such that applications have plenty of time to consider whether or not to apply, the board can properly process the applications and so that the chosen scholarship recipients scholarship have time to register for the tournaments before deadline.

For the European Universities Debating Championships (EUDC), the deadline is usually around 3-4 months in advance, which means deadline would be in April or May if the tournament is held in early August. For the World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC), this is usually

around 7 months before the tournaments is being held. It has historically been held at the end of December but that seems to be changing in 2022.

6. Selection criteria

The following selection criterium are listed in order of priority.

1. The applicant has shown dedication to keeping competitive debating alive in Lund through active participation in weekly sessions and an interest in competing at international tournaments.
2. The applicant is committed to continue to be a regular attendee of weekly debating session and will be both willing and capable of sharing their knowledge and experience with other attendees of weekly debate sessions.
3. The applicant is going to be a student at Lund University and member of UPF for at least two more terms directly following the tournament for which they receive the scholarship. Exceptions can be made for applicants who will only stay for one more term if said person has already contributed significantly to the proliferation of competitive debating over the course of at least 6 months at the time of application.
4. The applicant has displayed excellent debating skills during regular debate meetings.
5. Applicants who have previously not received the scholarship.

Trade-offs between these criteria should be made such that the probability that a British Parliamentary style debating continues to be practiced in Lund is the greatest.

7. Scholarship amounts, rules and conditions

- The scholarship amount for the European Universities Debating Championships (EUDC) is 75% of the registration fee or 2000 SEK, wherein the smaller quantity is the scholarship amount.
- The scholarship amount for the World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC) is 75% of the registration fee, or 3000 SEK wherein the smaller quantity is the scholarship amount.
- Scholarships can be awarded to applicants who want to attend EUDC or WUDC as adjudicators.
- At most five individuals can be granted the scholarship over a rolling 12-month period.
- An individual can at most receive the scholarship twice.
- If the scholarship is granted for participant in a tournament other than EUDC or WUDC as stipulated under section 3, paragraph 3, then the scholarship will cover 75% of the registration fee or 500 SEK, whichever is smaller.
- The recipient of the scholarship is committed to contribute to the proliferation and continued existence of British parliamentary style debating in Lund by sharing their knowledge and experience after the tournament.

8. Amendments

The Annual Meeting owns the right to change this document. A change requires one (1) Annual Meeting decision.