

Verity Membership Application 2024-2025

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Address

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse's Phone _____ Spouse's Email _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Home Church

Any experience that could be useful for speech and debate

Name of NCFCA Participant	Birthdate	Gender	Would like to participate in		Years of NCFCA experience	
			Speech	Debate	Speech	Debate

Name of Junior Club Participant	Birthdate	Gender

Please list names and ages of any younger or non-competing children who will attend club meetings with you but who will NOT participate in Junior Club

Students' phone numbers and email addresses (if applicable)

In what ways do you generally enjoy serving? What gifts or talents do you have?

Membership Requirements (Please Initial)

Please print extra copies of the Membership Requirements: one copy should be turned in with your application, one copy for the parent binder, and one copy for each of your competing children, excluding juniors.

Parents will need a 1" binder to bring to club meetings. Each student will need to bring a 1 1/2" or larger binder to club each week. (To each club meeting I will bring a 1" binder with a printed copy of the Membership Requirements placed inside (other things to be added later). I have 2 children who are competing, so they will EACH bring a 1 1/2" or larger binder and they will have their own copy of the Membership Requirements printed and placed in their binder.)

_____ NCFCA affiliate membership is required of all Verity Club families. Our family will affiliate at or before the first Verity Meeting of the current year.

_____ I will learn and abide by the rules posted at www.NCFCA.org.

_____ I will reinforce the policies outlined here with my children.

_____ I understand that all Club members are required to stay within the geographical boundaries set by the administration of the facilities we use and are to strictly adhere to all established facility rules/regulations.

_____ Because our club is grateful to Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for allowing us the use of their facility, I understand that it is expected that Club members will treat all people and the property with the utmost honor and respect.

_____ My child will compete in a practice debate tournament (to be held in the fall semester) and at least one NCFCA in person tournament if joining for speech and at least two in-person tournaments if joining debate.

_____ I understand that a practice tournament is a full one day commitment, and an NCFCA in person tournament is a full two to three-day commitment in addition to check-in preceding the tournament. I understand I am required to remain on site and make myself available to serve and judge the entire time.

_____ I understand that all Club communication is through email and it is my responsibility to check and respond to email in a timely manner.

_____ Coaching my child is primarily my responsibility. I understand that I am responsible to ensure that my student completes all Club assignments.

_____ My participation is critical to the success of this Club. Our family will do our utmost to be punctual to all Club meetings. I will serve where assigned.

- _____ I will send advance notification of absences to club administration (no later than 8AM on club meeting day, except in the event of an emergency).
- _____ I understand that, depending on projected costs, I will pay a club fee to cover those costs (to be collected at a later date). I understand the club fee is non-refundable.
- _____ I understand that if I bring younger, non-competing children to club, they will have a quiet activity and will be under my supervision.
- _____ I agree that if conflict arises between me and another club member or leader, I will abide by the principles found in Matthew 18 to resolve the conflict in love.
- _____ I acknowledge that if my student comes to club unprepared and without homework more than twice, he or she will be asked not to return to club.
- _____ When giving feedback to students, both at club and on ballots at a tournament, I agree to give constructive criticism with kindness and respect toward each student.
- _____ I understand that at all tournaments I am required to remain on site and make myself available to serve and judge the entire time.
- _____ I understand that my family will recruit the required minimum number of community judges per family for local tournaments.
- _____ We will adhere to the following dress code: Overly tight, form fitting, and overly short apparel is not permitted. Shorts, hats, or caps are not permitted.

Statement of Faith

Foundational to our identity as a Christian group is our Statement of Faith. All Verity leaders and club families must sign that they have read and agree to the Statement of Faith as presented here.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

I agree with the above Statement of Faith.

Signature _____

Position Statements

For more than two thousand years, the Christian church has held almost exclusively accepted viewpoints on the veracity and inerrancy of Scripture and on issues related to marriage and biblical sexuality. Acknowledgement of what constitutes a “Christian worldview” based on these beliefs has gone largely without dispute until the last decade. Current societal norms, both inside and outside the church, have challenged the clarity with which NCFCA once operated and required us to resolutely affirm what Scripture has to say about these two issues.

Scriptural Inerrancy

We believe that the Bible in its entirety “is breathed out by God” (2 Timothy 3:16), is inerrant in its original autographs (Proverbs 30:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21), and is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”. (2 Timothy 3:17)

Marriage and Gender

In order to clearly indicate our position on an extensive list of issues related to marriage and human sexuality, NCFCA’s Board of Directors has chosen to affirm the Nashville Statement (<https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement#articles>). This statement, based on Scripture, addresses issues including premarital, extramarital, and homosexual relationships, gender alteration or identification, as well as physical disorders related to gender.

I agree with the above Position Statements.

Signature _____