

Hereford
High
School

Orators



**Stock in Talk
Certificate**

This Certifies that

has purchased

_____ share(s) of Stock in Talk in

of the Hereford Orators Speech Team

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE SHARES OF THE COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$10 PER SHARE.

In Witness Whereof, the said organization has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers.

Authorized Signature

Sponsor

Who are the Hereford Orators?

The Orators are commonly referred to as the speech team, but they wanted a fancier name. They compete in several speaking and acting events at tournaments throughout the year.

What kind of events?

Students can compete in events like prose, poetry, humorous/dramatic interpretation, duet acting, oratory, extemporaneous speaking and debate to name a few. Some really cool famous people competed in forensics like Oprah Winfrey, Shelly Long, Bruce Springsteen, Tom Brokaw, Adam Sandler and James Earl Jones.

Why is going to speech tournaments such a big deal?

Here's what team members said when they were asked what they have learned from competing in speech tournaments: Responsibility, professionalism, speaking skills, organization, research skills, to be more open minded, the ability to listen, work ethics, confidence, a respect for healthy competition and it's great for scholarship opportunities. No joke, they really said all that.

That's awesome! So how can I help?

You can purchase shares of **Stock in Talk** for a particular student at \$10 a share and support them in their tournament competitions. Each share is a donation to the speech team that helps pay expenses related to tournament competition.

Why should I support the team?

Well, if you were impressed by that list of what students learn from competition, of course you should support them. But here's the scoop. Although some money is budgeted by the school for speech competition, it is not enough to cover all expenses for all tournaments that the students attend. They go to a bunch of tournaments - about 15 in a school year if they go to state and nationals. Entry fees for a single tournament can run as high as \$1300. Each share you buy can pay for an entry fee for a single event. More shares means more events and more tournaments that students can compete in, gain experience, and qualify for state and national competition.

So where does the money go?

The money students raise will help pay for tournament entry fees and travel expenses

such as transportation, food and lodging. It will also help with scholarships for students attending speech camp where they learn how to speak and perform even better than they already do. They could be the next Jim Carrey, Jane Pauley, or somebody really famous.

What do I get in return?

You will receive a stock certificate showing your contribution that you can display and everyone will look at it and think you're a really great person – which you are! The student that you sponsor will also send correspondence notifying you of how they are doing in competitions – kind of like a pen pal. Your donation is also tax deductible which means less money you have to pay to the IRS - which is always a good thing.

How can I contact you?

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