

FLORIDA BLUE KEY SPEAKERS BUREAU

Fran Berger Memorial Scholarship Application

This year, to honor the passing of Gator Guard Coach Fran Berger, the Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau is offering a full tuition scholarship to the Florida Forensic Institute. Any high school freshman, sophomore, or junior who attends the general tournament is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Award Process

- ◆ Complete applications will be reviewed by the Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau Executive Committee.
- ◆ Finalists will be notified by October 30, 2008.
- ◆ During the tournament, the scholarship committee will conduct a 5-10 minute interview of each finalist. The committee will inform the finalists of their interview times and location, which will not interfere with the competition.
- ◆ All finalists will be recognized on stage at the awards ceremony, and the scholarship recipient and alternate will be announced.
- ◆ Recipients must enroll in the summer 2009 Florida Forensics Institute, and notify the Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau after submitting their application. Notification must be received no later than March 15, 2009. If an award is not claimed by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline, the recipient will forfeit the scholarship and the alternate notified.
- ◆ Scholarships are paid directly to the institute in a lump sum, after receiving confirmation that the recipient is enrolled.

Application Requirements

- ◆ **All applications must be received by mail on or before October 22, 2008. Send completed application packets to: Florida Blue Key Office, at 312 J. Wayne Reitz Union; University of Florida; P.O. Box 118505; Gainesville, FL 32611.**
- ◆ Applicants must submit a fully completed application to be considered. Incomplete applications may be disregarded without notice to the applicant.
- ◆ A completed application includes a:
 - completed application form;
 - letter of recommendation from your head speech and debate coach (which must be included in the packet in a sealed and signed envelope and NOT mailed separately);
 - high school transcript;
 - one page written essay (see application for prompt and formatting requirements);
 - one page resume that highlights significant academic and extracurricular achievements, as well as work experience and community service;
 - list of all tournaments attended and your placement at each (even if you did not advance or receive an award);

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Fran Berger Scholarship Application

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
(circle)

School: _____

Head Coach: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12 GPA: _____ Rank (if available): ____ / ____
(circle)

Number of Years in Forensics: _____ Event: _____

Have you previously attended a summer institute? No Yes: _____
(circle) _____

ESSAY PROMPT:

Gator Guard Coach Fran Berger was an individual whose contribution to forensics impacted the lives of thousands of students. She was both an extremely hard worker and fiercely competitive. As a result, her squad at Miami Palmetto High School was an established and dominant force on the national circuit across all events. Yet, she is fondly remembered for her extreme selflessness, generosity, and willingness to help others. She always put her love of learning and the activity above her desire to win. This she demonstrated throughout her career, such as when she worked with students who were not even on her team, or when she mentored young coaches. Fran Berger was a coach who inspired others and significantly contributed to the success of forensics in Florida. She will be sorely missed.

What life skills or lessons have you learned as a result of your participation in forensics, how did you learn them, and how have they prepared or enabled you to benefit others in a significant and meaningful way?

All of the information submitted in this application packet is true and correct, and may be verified. I have received permission to attend FFI, and if selected I will notify the Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau of my enrollment or forfeit any award by March 15, 2009.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____