**APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS
FROM THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE HARVARD DEBATE COUNCIL
WORKSHOPS**

(Updated on April 2022)

Eligibility:

The online workshop is for students who are currently enrolled in 7th-12th grade (S.Y. 2021-2022). This is a beginner to advanced program, and is appropriate for all experience levels.

Students will be grouped according to their experience level during debate practices.

> Application Deadline for students applying for May-June 2022 Term:
> **May 2, 2022**

Requirements:

1. Opus Application Form including Short Essay Questions
   Please visit the following link and fill in the 'Online Application Form'. Kindly ensure that all information is complete and correct in all pages. Once the submit button is clicked, the form will automatically be saved into the system and can no longer be amended.
   https://opusacademy.com/competitive-debate-programs/

2. **Non-refundable** application fee of USD $100.00
   This should be paid before submitting the online application form. The payment page will appear in the final portion of the Online Application Form, and you will be automatically directed to the Paypal account of Opus Academy.

   Please take a screenshot of your payment receipt and email it to harvarddebate@opusacademy.com

3. School Report Cards/Transcripts of S.Y. 2020-2021 and 1st Semester 2021-2022
   Please attach and upload the scanned copies of your grades in your Opus Application Form. You may also email them to *harvarddebate@opusacademy.com.*

4. Standardized test scores (SAT, SSAT, TOEFL, others) will only be required if English is not the medium of instruction in school and if a student has not attended a school with English instruction in the past 4 years. Otherwise this requirement is waived.

5. One (1) Recommendation Letter from a teacher of the school that the student is currently attending. Please give your teacher a copy of the 'Teacher Evaluation Form' provided by Opus Academy. Your teacher should be the one email the completed Teacher Evaluation form directly to harvarddebate@opusacademy.com and addressed to Opus Academy Admissions Committee.

Steps for Application and Program Registration:

1. Students who are currently enrolled in grades 7 through 12 in the current school year 2021-2022 are eligible to apply.
2. Opus Academy will issue invitation letters and interested students are invited to attend an informational session on the Harvard Debate Council Workshop.
3. Students may begin their online application form and requirements. Spaces may be limited, so we encourage students to apply early and ensure that all items are submitted.
4. Students will be notified if they have been accepted into the program. Should a student be put on the waitlist, he/she will be notified if a space opens up.
5. To confirm one's slot in the program, the accepted participant and his/her parents should accomplish the following requirements.
    a) Complete the Opus Academy registration form
    b) Read through the Program's policies before signing the waiver
    c) Pay the non-refundable program fee by the deadline indicated in the acceptance letter.
    *The program registration forms and payment instructions for the program fee, will be sent via email to the participant, upon acceptance into the Program.

Application Checklist:

- ❏ Submit Online Application Form available in Opus Academy's website
- ❏ School Report Cards/Transcripts of S.Y. 2020-2021 and 1st semester of S.Y. 2021-2022 (scanned copy may be emailed)
- ❏ One recommendation letter (emailed to us directly by the teacher)
- ❏ Standardized test scores if applicable (SAT, SSAT, TOEFL, others)
- ❏ Application fee of **US$100.00** (screenshot of proof of payment)

Note: Please compile all required documents from the application checklist above (except for the teacher's recommendation letter which will be emailed by your teacher directly). Please upload and attach the scanned copies of your school report cards to the online application form. You may also email them in a single PDF file attachment to *harvarddebate@opusacademy.com*.

We will only start processing when all items of the application requirements are complete. Spaces are limited so we encourage students to apply early and ensure that all items are submitted.

Timeline for Application and Program Registration:

Steps	Due Date for Term 1
Submission of online application form and requirements	Deadline: May 2, 2022
Student application results will be released via email	May 5, 2022
a) **Confirmation of one's slot** b) **Completion of forms (Opus Academy Student Waiver and Indemnity; Program Policies Agreement and other forms)**	May 9, 2021
Tuition Due	May 12, 2021
Confirmation of Payment Received/ Enrollment	May 16, 2021
Start of Harvard Debate Council Program Intensive Course on Public Speaking and Argumentation Integrated Course on Public Speaking, Argumentation and Public Forum Debate	 May 21- June 19, 2021 May 23-June 16, 2021

Payment:

A) Application fee (non-refundable) of **USD$100.00**

This should be paid (together with the online application form) by the following method:

- Paypal payment

B) Pay the non-refundable tuition fee by wire transfer.

This should be paid after a participant has been accepted into the program to guarantee one's slot in the program. The Bank wire transfer payment details will be emailed directly to the participant once he/she has been accepted into the Program.

Kindly ensure that the wire transfer amount is net of all deductions (cable charge, doc stamps, service fee and other charges) of your local bank as well as its intermediary counterpart to avoid any discrepancies.

*For further questions, please contact *harvarddebate@opusacademy.com*