



**United States Academic Decathlon® 2017 National Competition
Thursday and Friday, April 20–21**

Monona Terrace Convention Center
One John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

High school students from across the U.S., Canada, China and the U.K. will participate in the 36th Annual National Competition April 20–21. Nearly 300 volunteers are needed.

SPEECH JUDGES AND TIMERS

Ninety speech judges (three per room) and 30 speech timers are needed from approximately 12:45–7 p.m.* on Thursday, April 20. The judge assignment includes listening, critiquing and grading of the students' prepared and impromptu speeches. The timer assignment includes timing the speeches. For judges, a background in public speaking or affiliation with Toastmasters is beneficial. Timers must be proficient in operating a stopwatch and providing verbal instructions to students.

INTERVIEW JUDGES

Ninety interview judges (three per station) are needed from approximately 12:45–7 p.m.* on Thursday, April 20. The assignment includes jointly interviewing students. Guidelines and sample questions are provided. A background in human resources is beneficial.

TEST PROCTORS

Twenty-five room monitors are needed for the distribution and collection of tests, as well as overseeing the testing process from approximately 6:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.* on Friday, April 21. Leadership skills are necessary.

All volunteers will receive online instructions, orientation, complimentary meal and shuttle ride (from a downtown parking lot) to the venue.

**IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, CONTACT:
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**Final schedule/times to be determined by April 1.*