

**STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
FY 2010 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FORENSIC SOCIETY,
HOME OF THE U OF H SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**

**REQUEST FOR A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF \$17,310 TO
FUND PARTICIPATION IN SPRING 2010
NATIONAL EVENTS**



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Community Services

- Judging at Greater Houston middle schools and high schools.
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- Working with evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Ike.
- Providing middle school students with resources to compete at local speech and debate contests.

On-Campus Events

- Six invitational forensic contests for K-12 schools
- Collegiate national-qualifying tournaments with LSU Baton Rouge
- National qualifying tournaments for high schools
- Summer forensic seminars for students of elementary and middle schools
- Contests co-sponsored with SGA and/or Meade Group for K-12 students in drum line, ballet folklorica/mariachi, forensics, and stepping

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National Collegiate Competition

- Local contests in Texas & Louisiana, regardless of experience
- Regional competitions for students achieving local success
- National contests for members capable of bringing recognition to UH, particularly in National Forensic Honor Societies.

BECAUSE THE UHFS' MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN FROM 23 MEMBERS TO 300+ SINCE THE START OF THE 2008-2010 SCHOOL YEARS, A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION IS NEEDED TO SATISFY NEEDS FOR REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

The University of Houston Forensics Society currently has a budget to accommodate travel expenses, a base to pay for the student assistants presently working in the office space in order to recruit and run the society, and to pay fees associated with having a space in the University Center. **However, the current travel/competition budget was awarded by the SFAC FY04 at a time when the UHFS had only 40+ members. THE CURRENT UHFS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH DURING THE 2008-2010 SCHOOL YEARS . . .AND NOW TOTALS 300+ MEMBERS.**

In order to provide opportunities/resources needed by the no. of members of the UHFS – and to continue hosting of events that will bring an estimated 9k students, faculty, and parents to the the UH Main Campus - a ONE- TIME ALLOCATION FOR SPRING 2010 IS NECESSARY.

The one-time allocation of \$17,310 awarded in FY10 is needed to provide the larger no. of UHFS members to represent UH at three national contests. This amount will specifically be spent on the following items:

THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

Air Fares for 28 UH Members (\$290/Each)	\$ 8,120
Hotel Accommodations	\$ 4,050
Car Rental/Gas	\$ 1,400
Registration/Fees	\$ 1,500
Food for UH Competitors	\$ 2,240
TOTAL	\$ 17,310
Amount Requested as a One-time Allocation	\$ 17,310

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**REQUEST FOR A BASE AUGMENTATION OF \$46,421 TO FUND
PARTICIPATION IN ANNUALLY-SCHEDULED EVENTS**



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REQUEST FOR A BASE AUGMENTATION OF \$46,421
TO FUND PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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On-Campus Events

- Invitational forensic contests for K-12 schools
- Collegiate national-qualifying tournaments with LSU Baton Rouge
- National qualifying tournaments for high schools
- Summer forensic seminars for elementary and middle school students
- Contests co-sponsored with SGA and/or Meade Group for K-12 students in ballet folklórico/mariachi, forensics, and stepping
- On-campus speech contests for elementary schools in both English and Spanish

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BECAUSE THE UHFS' MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN FROM 23 MEMBERS TO 300+ SINCE THE START OF THE 2008-2010 SCHOOL YEARS, A BASE AUGMENTATION OF \$46,421 IS NEEDED TO SATISFY NEEDS OF REGULARLY-SCHEDULED EVENTS. THE BASE BUDGET OF THE UH FORENSIC SOCIETY HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED SINCE FY04.

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In order to provide opportunities/resources needed by the no. of members of the UHFS – and to continue hosting of events that will bring an estimated 9k students, faculty, and parents to the the UH Main Campus - a BASE AUGMENTATION OF \$46,421 IS NEEDED.

The breakdown of this amount is as follows:

Part-Time Accountant	\$ 9,800
Increased Air Fares for Twelve Members (\$90/Trip/8 Trips)	\$ 4,800
Air Fares for Growth in No. of Competitors (8 More Students)	\$ 28,000
Awards and Supplies for On-Campus Contests	\$ 3,821
TOTAL	\$ 46,421

Amount Requested as a One-time Allocation \$ 46,421

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**REQUEST FOR A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF \$16,640 FOR
HOSTING EVENTS ON THE UH MAIN CAMPUS**



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[THE UHFS / REQUEST OF A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION OF \$16,640 FOR HOSTING EVENTS ON THE UH MAIN CAMPUS/ CONT.]

National Collegiate Competition

- Local contests in Texas & Louisiana, regardless of experience
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THE NEED FOR A ONE-TIME ALLOCATION FOR HOSTING GREATER HOUSTON EVENTS ON THE UH MAIN CAMPUS

The University of Houston Forensics Society currently has a budget to accommodate travel expenses, a base to pay for the student assistants presently working in the office space in order to recruit and run the society, and to pay fees associated with having a space in the University Center. **However, the current budget does not provide for the expenses incurred when hosting a ADDITIONAL EVENTS CO-SPONSORED WITH THE UH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND/OR MEADE GROUP, on the UH campus in SPRING 2011. In order to execute a successful events that will bring an estimated 9k students, faculty, and parents to the the UH Main Campus, a ONE- TIME ALLOCATION is necessary.**

The one-time allocation of \$16,640 awarded in FY011 will be invaluable and will provide for national universities to compete and visit UH, giving the campus recognition.

The specific events being scheduled/funded by this request – which will be co-sponsored by the UHFS and the SGA and/or Meade Group are as follows:

- The Annual UH Middle School Forensic Tournament
- The Annual UH Speech/Theatre Camps for Elementary Schools [Four One-Week Sessions]
- The Annual UH Speech/Theatre Camps for Middle Schools [Two One-Week Sessions]
- The Greater Houston Ballet Folklorico/Mariachi Championships (Elementary/Middle/High Schools)
- The Greater Houston Stepping Championships (Middle/High Schools)

THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

Trophies & Awards	\$ 11,000
Payment for AV Rental/Operator of Houston Room	\$ 690
UC Early Opening	\$ 150
Payment of Judges – Incl. Spanish/Vietnamese Judges	\$ 3,300
Hospitality Needs for Judges/Coaches	\$ 1,500
TOTAL	\$ 16,640
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