2014 – 2016 Undergraduate SAF Application Form

Checklist for Application

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**Preliminary Items Due 4pm, April 25, 2013**

- Eligibility Checklist (reverse side)
- Dollar request per student per year $2,000
- Petition signatures (if new applicant) >500

**Final Attachments Due 4pm, September 13, 2013**

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- Mission Statement (1 pages)
- Group Profile (3 pages)
  - Officers
  - Number of Members
  - History
  - Activities, Programming, Events in Current Cycle
- Summary of request (2 pages)
- 10-13 Financial Statements
- 13-16 Projections

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- Date Received: ____________________________
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Applicant Organization/Program Name: Cornell Forensics Society

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Representative: Kirat Singh (print name)
Signature: ____________________________ Date: 9/13/13

Sam Nelson
Student Assembly Byline Funding Eligibility Checklist

To be eligible for consideration for byline funding, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

Required for All Applicants
Directly and primarily serves/benefits the entire undergraduate Cornell community
Allows all students equal access to services and/or participation
Requests minimum of $0.50 per student per year and number of cents requested is divisible by two

Required for Applicants Who Are Not Currently Receiving Byline Funding
If applicant is not currently receiving byline funding, has collected petitions with 1,500 distinct signatures of registered Cornell undergraduate students

May Be Waived By Student Assembly with Approval of University President
Is registered with the Student Activities Office
Is student-directed and student-led
Has Cornell operating account with internally controlled funds
Has a Cornell-employed advisor with oversight of Cornell funds
Has received funding from a unit at Cornell university in each of the last two semesters

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President:  
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9/13/13

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**Representative:** Ryan Yeh  
**Signature:**  
**Date:** 04/24/2013
Student Assembly Byline Funding Eligibility Checklist

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President: Ryan Yeh (name) (signature) 04/24/2013 (date)
Treasurer: Blaise Koncso! (name) (signature) 4/24/2013 (date)
Advisor: Sam Nelson (name) (signature) 4/25/13 (date)
Cornell Forensics Society
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Summary of Request

For the 2014-2016 cycle, the Cornell Forensics Society is requesting an SAF allocation of $2.00 per student per year. This byline funding will impact undergraduates and the Cornell community in two primary ways:

1. Increasing the quality of public debates, which are open to any member of the Cornell community

   a. Over the past two or three years, CFS has rapidly increased the number of public debates it either organizes, hosts, and/or moderates, either by itself or in conjunction with other organizations like the Cornell Daily Sun, the Cornell Democrats and Republicans, and the IFC, Panhellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Letter Council. We engage a wide breadth of organizations, academic departments, and students through these events by promoting conversation on campus regarding relevant and controversial topics like fracking in Ithaca and divestment from fossil fuels at Cornell.

   b. As the Cornell Forensics Society takes on a greater community role in fostering dialogue and debate on campus, we aim to increase both the quality and visibility of future public debates. Due to budget limitations in the past, we have been forced to bring in only speakers who do not require speaker fees. We also frequently aim for speakers who require low traveling and hotel accommodations, severely limiting our capacity to bring in the most qualified speakers to debate on a specific issue. With byline funding, we can also bring in speakers that 1) are more likely to persuade students to watch the debates and 2) are more likely to make the debate as interesting and productive as possible. We can also advertise and publicize our debates better so a greater fraction of the Cornell undergraduate body can access them.

2. Giving every Cornell undergraduate a chance to compete in Speech and Debate

During our eligibility hearing, we understood that the Appropriations Committee had concerns regarding the CFS’ limited ability to bring students to tournaments. While there are some extremely selective and prestigious tournaments that the CFS, as a top-ranked international debate program, sends its most experienced debaters to, any Cornell undergraduate who wishes to compete in a Debate tournament every semester could do so every semester. This is accomplished in two ways. First, we attend some large tournaments in the Northeast where we can send all of our teams. Second, we host a large Novice debate tournament at Cornell in February where new debaters who don’t wish to travel can try their hand at the activity. We are currently limited in enabling students to participate in these events by our funding, a constraint that SAF funding would ease.

   a. The CFS is arguably the largest competitive debate team anywhere in the world. Whereas other universities bring a selective handful of students to a tournament, we brought over seventy students to the University of Vermont last year. Many of these teams consisted of students who had never debated before. These students simply wanted to learn about debate and become better public
speakers. A portion of byline funding would greatly assist our aim of having genuinely open tournaments, where any interested Cornell student can attend.

b. Byline funding would help expand the size of Cornell's own debate tournament. This tournament serves two important functions for the Cornell community:

i. It allows a large number of undergraduates to try debating for the first time since there are no travel constraints and the CFS does not have to pay their registration fees.

ii. It brings dozens of debates to the Cornell campus for one weekend. These debates are open to the public. With SAF funding, we could expand the size of the debates and publicity for them. We could advertise the final rounds, which are held in large auditoriums like Ives 305, as we would any other public debate.
Mission Statement

In recent years, CFS’ role has noticeably grown from a solely competitive purpose to a community-driven one. As an umbrella organization, we exist to serve the undergraduate Cornell community in a variety of ways. This includes giving undergraduates the opportunity to learn about different forms of speech and argumentation, a critical skill, and to travel to tournaments where they can compete against students from all over the world. This also includes facilitating a growing list of public debates and fostering discussion on campus.

The second contribution is especially valuable to the Cornell community. Numerous clubs bring concerts, sports and other performing arts to campus, but CFS is the sole organization dedicated to bringing debate and discussion to the students. The issues we debate can be campus specific, such as if and how the Greek system should be reformed, or they can relate to the region in which we reside, like the fracking ban in New York. The issues can also be of national importance, like gun control policy in the wake of Sandy Hook. These are all debates that CFS has facilitated in the last year.

The public debates that CFS organizes have always been well attended. We have collaborated with numerous organizations on campus including the Cornell Daily Sun, the Cornell Republicans, the Student Assembly, and the CU Sustainability Hub. CFS has been and continues to be a ready resource for technical expertise in facilitating public debates that other organizations wish to put up. The best example of this was the CFS moderating the Howard Dean-Rick Santorum debate and the Cornell Daily Sun panel on Cornell’s Sexual Assault Policy.

CFS is accessible to every Cornell undergraduate. We do not have auditions or selections for those who want to be on one of our competitive teams. Every semester, we go to many tournaments where every member of CFS a chance to travel and compete. No prior experience whatsoever is required. This policy is critical to expanding the speech and debate community at Cornell. An undergraduate only needs to demonstrate a little bit of interest in our activities and we will provide them access to practices, professional coaching and travel opportunities.

Our public debates are open to all students, are most often held in accessible auditoriums like Ives Hall 305, and are free to attend despite the costs incurred for rooms, equipment, air tickets and hotel stays for speakers, and security. The debates are also open and accessible in their structure. All our public debates have time allotted at the end for audience questions where any member of the audience can participate by asking questions to the speakers. The debates focus on a diverse set of issues so that every undergraduate will get a chance to see at least one debate on an issue they are personally passionate about. Witnessing a debate, with articulate speakers presenting arguments in a civil manner, has value. When an overwhelming majority of students on campus supports one side of an issue, CFS remains committed to providing its own members to debate the flip side. CFS’ members do not necessarily subscribe to those opinions, but their training in debate allows them to defend unpopular arguments intelligently. This allows for debate on issues that would otherwise be uncontested.

The Cornell Forensics Society’s purpose lies largely in its connection to the Cornell community; byline funding will help us strengthen and expand this connection.
Organization Profile

a. Membership and Organization Chart

As of 2013, the CFS’ official roster contains 323 members. This includes not only competing members, who frequently attend regional, national, and international speech and debate tournaments, but also members of the Cornell community who are interested in updates about upcoming public debates the CFS hosts.

Within our umbrella organization, there are five branches of speech and debate teams: the Policy Debate team, the Worlds (British Parliamentary) Debate team, the Spanish Debate team, the American Parliamentary Debate team, and the Speech team. Each team is headed by a Team Captain, while the CFS itself is served in executive capacity by five officers: the President, the Vice President of External Affairs, the Vice President of Internal Affairs, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. In addition, CFS is advised by a Director who is a member of the ILR faculty and who oversees the organization’s University operating account.
b. **Officers**

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c. **History**

At its inception three to four decades ago, the Cornell Forensics Society served a primarily competitive purpose through our speech and debate teams. Since then, however, the activities of our organization have evolved. In the last few years alone, the strength and membership of our organization has grown exponentially, and in addition to that, so has our visibility and influence on campus. To separate the community and purely competitive functions of the CFS, we recently made a moderate change in governance structure within our organization. While the main e-board members (President, VP of External Affairs, VP of Internal Affairs, Treasurer, and Secretary) focus on general activities like outreach and the organizing of public debates, the newly created roles of team captains serve to focus on the competitive aspect of the Cornell Forensics Society. By becoming the premiere debate organization on campus, we are now not only able to maintain the top ranking in the world, but we are also better able to host, moderate, and organize a variety of public debates on campus. We hope to continue this trend in the future.
Activities, Programming and Events in the Current Funding Cycle

Over the past two years ('11-'12 & '12-'13), we have attended a consistent number of speech and debate tournaments, the biggest of which were at the University of Vermont, University of Binghamton, and the Northeast Regional Championships at West Connecticut State University. However, the costs of these tournaments have risen dramatically, primarily because CFS has brought more and more students to these tournaments in its aim to provide opportunities for anyone in the Cornell community who is interested in debate. We have also experienced an increase in costs for public events. From 2011-2012, our public debates included:

- PETA Debate on Animal Experimentation
- US-Mexico Border Debate
- Food vs. Fuel Debate
- Student Trustee Debate
- Half the Sky: A Debate About Women and Development

From 2012-2013, we held a noticeably larger number of public events, incurring more costs. These events included:

- Santorum-Dean Debate
- Democratic Candidate Nate Shinigawa Debate
- PETA Debate on Using Celebrities and Sex to Promote Social Change
- Fracking Debate
- Gun Control Debate
- Greek System Debate
- Divestment Debate
- Daily Sun Dialogue on Sexual Assault Policy at Cornell
- Student Trustee Debate
- Becoming a Champion Debater
- How to Win an Argument: An Introduction to Debate and Rhetoric at Cornell

As such, just in the past two years, our financial costs have risen dramatically.
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Financial Information with Historical ('10-'13) & Projections ('13-'16)

### a. Historical ('10-'13)

#### i. Summary Income Statement

**Revenues:**
- ILR Department Funding ('10-'11): 108,321
- SAFC Income ('10-11): 0
- ILR Department Funding ('11-'12): 108,321
- SAFC Income ('11-'12): 0
- ILR Department Funding ('12-'13): 108,321
- SAFC Income ('12-'13): 1500

**Total Revenues**
- 2010-2011: 108,321
- 2011-2012: 108,321
- 2012-2013: 109,821

**Expenses:**
- Tournament Expenditure ('11-'12)
- Vermont: 7,411.64
- Western Connecticut: 8,761.98
- Rochester: 6,232.66
- Other: 84,839.72
- Public Debates and Outreach ('11-'12): 1075
- Tournament Expenditure ('12-'13)
- Vermont: 23,161
- Western Connecticut: 14,288.89
- Rochester: 8,523.75
- Other: 51,722.36
- Public Debates and Outreach ('12-'13): 3,125

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- 2010-2011: 108,321
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- 2012-2013: 109,821

**Net Income**
- Beginning Account Balance: 108,321
- Ending Account Balance: 0

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1. Given the absence of available records from 2010-11, this is an estimate from our Director
2. Total working budget for CFS, including ALL tournaments and public debates, stationery, etc.
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4. Given the absence of available records from 2010-11, the expenses from this year cannot be broken down.
### i. Event Breakdowns & Other Detailed Reporting

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5 PETA Debate: Is Eating Meat Ethical?; Border Debate; Half the Sky: A Debate About Women and Development; Food vs. Fuel Debate; Student Trustee Debate
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Total Revenues
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2014-2015 135,321
2015-2016 135,321

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   Tournament Expenditure ('13-'14)
       Vermont 23,161
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   Public Debates and Outreach ('13-'14) 3,125
   Tournament Expenditure ('14-'15)
       Vermont 26,375.44
       Western Connecticut 17,503.33
       Rochester 11,738.19
       Cornell Novice Nationals 8,000
       Other 59,222.37
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10 Note: Public debate costs are difficult to project; however, we plan to allocate $9,356.67 of byline funding into the public debate budget.
Constitution of the Cornell Forensics Society

ARTICLE I: THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Cornell Forensics Society, and shall use the initials CFS as its abbreviated title.

Section 2. This Constitution provides formal organization for the debate and speech team which has existed at Cornell over the years, and has competed in CEDA Debate, and NFA and AFA Individual Events competitions since the early 1980’s.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The purpose of this Society is to provide an opportunity for Cornell undergraduate students to compete in organized intercollegiate debate and speech competitions, as well as to conduct other activities associated with college forensics. The Society’s goal is to promote competitive practices which ensure the long-term growth and survival of debate and speech as an activity at Cornell, as well as the educational and personal growth of the Cornell student body.

Section 2. The Society will each year provide for students attending and competing at debate and speech competitions, by providing funding, coaching, and administration as circumstances allow.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY

Section 1. Membership in the Cornell Forensics Society is open to any undergraduate student at Cornell University.

Section 2. Membership in the Society is not restricted in any manner by grounds of race, religion, ethnicity, gender sexual orientation, age, or citizenship.

Section 3. Membership can be denied individuals at the discretion of the directors of the program.

Section 4. At the discretion of the Faculty Advisor membership shall be contingent upon dues, which are also to be set by the Faculty Advisor.

Section 5. To be considered a “member in good standing” one must have paid any required dues, be in good standing in their College at Cornell University, and be making normal progress toward completion of their degree.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS
Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be President, a Vice President of Internal Affairs, a Vice President of External Affairs, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2. All positions are elected in the third week of April of each year.

Section 4. The Society’s annual election shall be conducted at the end of the spring semester, and shall be advertised to members of the society two weeks in advance.

Section 5. At the annual election all members in good standing shall be allowed to vote.

Section 6. Officers of the Society shall be elected in the order listed above: President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 7. Nominations for each office shall be made immediately preceding the election of the office, with all members in good standing being allowed to nominate whomever they choose including themselves. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination.

Section 8. Prior to each election all nominees who have not already given a speech for another office during this election shall be allowed to do so. Speeches shall be limited to an equal time to be set before the elections by the Student Director.

Section 9. After all nominees have been given an opportunity to speak, a first round of ballots will be collected from all eligible voters, including the nominees themselves, with each member being allowed one vote.

Section 10. To be elected, a nominee must receive a simple majority of ballots cast. If no nominee receives a simple majority then the nominee with the fewest ballots shall be eliminated from consideration and a subsequent vote shall be conducted. The Student Director may cast a vote to give a nominee a simple majority. This process shall be conducted as many times as is necessary for one nominee to receive a simple majority. In situations where a runoff election is necessary, but no single nominee has the lowest ballot total, the nominees can either all be eliminated or a ballot can be held to choose whom to eliminate at the discretion of the Student Director.

Section 11. Nominees can run for later offices if they fail to be elected for previous offices.

Section 12. Officers hold their tenure at the discretion of the Faculty Advisor.

Section 13. The Faculty Advisor can appoint or call for temporary elections to fill any office when necessary.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The Officers of the Society shall meet regularly with the Faculty Advisor to discuss and provide leadership for activities of the Society.
Section 2. The Student Director's duties include:
- To chair all meetings of the Society;
- To organize and chair the elections of the Society;
- To represent the Society to all University organizations and bodies.

Section 3. The Vice President of Internal Affairs' duties include:
- To assist the student director;
- To conduct and oversee all team correspondence;
- To assist the Faculty Advisor with the Society's finances.

Section 4. The Vice President of External Affairs' duties include:
- To conduct and oversee all advertising for the society;
- To organize and conduct recruiting meetings;
- To oversee correspondence with the Society's alumni;

ARTICLE VI: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The annual Business Meeting of the Society is the only time that the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society may be amended. The annual Business Meeting of the Society shall be conducted at the beginning of each academic year. The beginning of the academic year is considered to be not more than 7 days before and not more than 21 days after the beginning of instruction for the fall semester at Cornell University.

Section 2. If the elected officers of the Society and the Faculty Advisor unanimously agree that an annual Business Meeting is not necessary then one need not be held.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 1. Amendment to the Constitution
- An amendment to the Constitution may be initiated by any member in good standing;
- Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the officers and the Faculty Advisor three weeks before a Business Meeting to be considered at that meeting;
- The Faculty Advisor can exercise veto prerogative over any proposed amendment, unless opposed unanimously by the elected officers;
- The Vice President of Internal Affairs will be responsible for communicating proposed amendments to members of the Society prior to the Business Meeting;
- A two-thirds vote of all members in good standing at the Business Meeting will be necessary for a proposed amendment to be enacted.

Section 2. Amendment to the By-Laws
- An amendment to the By-Laws may be initiated by any member in good standing;
- Amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted to the officers and the Faculty Advisor three weeks before a Business Meeting to be considered at that meeting;
• The Faculty Advisor can exercise veto prerogative over any proposed amendment, unless opposed unanimously by the elected officers;
• The Vice President of Internal Affairs will be responsible for communicating proposed amendments to members of the Society prior to the Business Meeting;
• A majority vote of all members in good standing at the Business Meeting will be necessary for a proposed amendment to be enacted.