NCS Debate Team Application

Student Name: _____
Grade Level in 2016-2017 School Year: _____

Class & Team Expectations
Listed below is a summary of the MINIMUM expectations for students desiring to participate in the NCS Debate Class and on the Debate Team.

1. Desire to learn communication, argumentation and critical thinking skills and to practice these skills in front of other peers and adults.

2. Ability to work independently on assignments and in preparation for tournaments outside of class.

3. Desire to compete in tournaments in debate and public speaking events against other public and private high schools.

4. Required to compete in a minimum of five (5) tournaments during the school year, which are held on Friday and Saturday (in order to be selected for out of town tournaments, students will need to compete at more than the minimum five tournaments).

5. Willing and able to participate in practice rounds after school in preparation for tournaments.

6. Willingness to be part of a team and support other team members.

Questions
1. Please check all that apply about why you want to be on the NCS Debate Team:
    a. Because I have an interest in Debate & Public Speaking _____
    b. Because I did not want to take Communication Applications _____
    c. I want to compete in Debate & Public speaking events at tournaments __
    d. I want to improve my communication and critical thinking skills _____
    e. I enjoy talking about current events (i.e. politics, economy, foreign policy) __
    f. Because I want to participate in theatre/acting events such as Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic, Duet Acting, etc. _____
    g. My parents are making me take Debate _____
    h. I need an extracurricular activity _____

2. I understand and can meet all the Minimum expectations above. Circle: YES or NO

3. List all of the NCS and non-NCS extracurricular activities (i.e. Sports [list which sports], trainer, Musical, Academic Meets) that you will be participating in next school year.

4. Explain why you would like to be on the NCS Debate Team and what you hope to accomplish: