



THE BICKEL & BREWER NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY FORUM CONTEST



**Registration
deadline:
October 15!!**

The National Public Policy Forum (NPPF) is the only contest that gives high school students the opportunity to participate in written and oral debates on issues of public policy. Founded in 2001 by the Bickel & Brewer law firm, the NPPF supplements the research and oral advocacy skills developed in policy debate with another – that of written advocacy.

RECEIVE AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY TO COMPETE FOR A \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!

Participation in the NPPF is free, simple and fun; just work with your debate team or English class to prepare and submit a Qualifying Round essay. The NPPF is unlike any other form of debate. While NPPF bases its topic on the current Policy/Team debate topic for the 2008-09 year, it welcomes debaters from around the world and across the spectrum of debate and forensic events.

The NPPF is the only international tournament that provides students with the opportunity to compete before a panel of some of the world's foremost experts in debate, business, law and politics. The top 16 schools that place in the competition each receive **cash awards for their teams**. Best of all, **teams that advance to the Final Four round receive an all-expense-paid trip to New York City to compete for the \$10,000 grand prize!**

How To Participate

Work with your debate coach or English teacher to put your team together. Prepare a Qualifying Round essay on the 2008-09 NPPF topic:

“Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.”

Essays are limited to 2,800 words and may be written from an affirmative or negative perspective. Participating teams can be comprised of any number of students. Only one essay is allowed per high school.

Submit your essay by 2 p.m. CST on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, to Sarah Marshala at sem@bickelbrewer.com or call (+1) 214-653-4035 for additional information.

Entries are reviewed by members of the NYU Speech & Debate Team. The best 16 essays advance to the Elimination Rounds. These top 16 teams are announced on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, and continue in a written debate tournament. Individual matches begin immediately, with one school affirming the resolution and the other negating it.

All submissions are reviewed by a panel of judges. Schools are labeled as “School A” (affirmative) and “School B” (negative) for each round to remain anonymous before the panel during the entire debate process. Winning teams advance to the next round. The process continues for two more rounds until the final four teams are determined.

Go to <http://www.nppf.net> to learn more about the essays' requirements.

To register your school, go to: <http://www.nppf.net>, and click on **REGISTRATION**.

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