

## SERVING IS GOOD FOR YOU.

Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It places focus on others and promotes optimism, joy and self-confidence.

## VOLUNTEERS GAIN EXPERIENCE.

Observation promotes education for everyone; siblings, parents, judges.

## IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.

Volunteering unites people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal, building camaraderie and teamwork.

## IT PROMOTES PERSONAL GROWTH AND SELF ESTEEM.

Understanding needs in the community helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

## STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY.

As a volunteer you help:

- ◇ Support the tournament staff
- ◇ Support competitors
- ◇ Show Christ to those outside our community.

## YOU LEARN A LOT.

Volunteers learn what goes on behind the scenes; all the elements required to make a well run tournament.

## YOU GET A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK.

While everyone may not volunteer at every tournament, and levels of involvement may vary, community service and volunteerism are always an investment in our community.

## YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Every person counts!

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Changing the World for Christ.

*For from him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.*  
Romans 11:36 (NASB®)

## Welcome to the 2016-2017 Tournament Season

Rocky Mountain Stoa provides training and assists with tournaments associated with the **Stoa Speech and Debate League.**

“Training Christian homeschooled students through Speech and Debate to better communicate a Biblical worldview”

Stoa is a national organization serving the needs of Christian Homeschooling families through Speech and Debate. It offers a competitive league for students age 12-18, supports a growing network of clubs and coaches, and provides training opportunities across the nation.

Whatever the event, participation and competition are both incredibly enjoyable and immensely rewarding.



As we move into our tournament season we would like to remind everyone that we are called to serve one another. This includes parents, competitors and siblings. It takes lots of human components to run our tournaments, each and everyone of you is important to make the machine work well!

Younger students should have an attitude to serve, students not debating need to serve, debaters may serve during speech events and speech competitors serve during debate rounds.

Parents are needed to serve on staff or be available to judge. Parents can teach younger siblings to serve by timing rounds or assisting staff.

Competitors can recruit community judges to take some of the judging load off parents and broaden the judging pool.

By serving one another we create an environment of service, work ethic and increase our learning experience.

**To encourage this culture of service, Rocky Mountain Stoa offers two awards:**

### Rocky Mountain Stoa Community Service Award 2017

**Purpose:**

To recognize home schooled speakers for using their speaking skills in service to their communities and to take their message of hope to the general public with eloquence and grace, while their youth gives them an unusual platform.

**Eligible Activities:**

Applicants may list activities such as work for political campaigns, teaching Sunday school, volunteering at museums, libraries, legislatures, etc. You may not use activities in support of tournaments in which you were a competitor. You may not use any activity for which you received compensation.

Provide a descriptive paragraph of each activity. You may list more than one activity in your submission, provided you list a separate description and accounting of hours for each activity. Remember, your writing should communicate as well as your speaking.

All activities must have been accumulated from June 1, 2016 through February 1, 2017.

**Application must be received by  
February 10, 2017.**

*(Applications may also be submitted by others that have knowledge of a speaker's activity.)*

**Judging:** Entries will be evaluated on:

- \* service activity's creativity
- \* longevity of the activity
- \* impact on the community

Judges will not be given the names of the students, only their ages and gender. Judges' rankings will be totaled together to determine the winners. Judges' decisions are final.

**Cash awards go to the top two entries**

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### Rocky Mountain Stoa Meritorious Character Award 2017

The Rocky Mountain Stoa Board believes our purpose for existence is to train students for the betterment of God's kingdom, not just to crown a national champion. Prevalent philosophy in the world around us often operates with the mindset that we "train to compete," but our purpose is to "compete to train." Our true, God-given purpose should be to facilitate the making of great Christians. We desire students & parents to understand the surpassing value found in "iron sharpening iron" for one another's increase of Christ-like character ... something far greater than winning trophies that will soon be forgotten and lost. Therefore, the purpose of this award is to recognize a student who is "living out" this objective.

The central Bible verse that embodies the focus of this award is found in 1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." This verse provides five integral components for evaluating applicants. What has the student done to demonstrate that he/she is an example to other believers in: (1) Speech; (2) Conduct; (3) Love; (4) Faith; and (5) Purity?

Coaches nominate one student from their club to be considered for this award. As difficult as it may be, only one student per club may be nominated. The award recipient is selected by the Rocky Mt. Stoa Board.

**Presentation of the award will take place at the Rocky Mountain Classic Tournament.**