

Thank you for your interest in *Debating for Democracy!*

From the Lang Center Website:

Debating for Democracy (D4D)TM inspires students to become successful advocates in their communities. To encourage engaged citizenship, Project Pericles requests original letters to elected officials from teams (two or more students) at Periclean colleges and universities. A panel of judges will select the winning teams for the 2018 D4D competition.

Five teams from five different colleges will win \$500 to work on their issue.

How to Apply:

1. Find a partner and brainstorm project ideas.

*What issues do you care about? What legislator (local, national) would support (or be persuaded to support) your cause? What can **you** do to support your cause?*

2. Together, write a letter to the legislator outlining a problem and their role in moving towards a solution.

Letters should not be longer than 1200 words (about three single-spaced pages). Why should they care about your issue?

3. Together, write a two-page project proposal.

How will you bring about change on your issue?

4. After editing and revising your letter and proposal, send a copy of the letter to your legislator and another copy with the proposal to Jennifer Magee (jimageel@swarthmore.edu) to be entered into the competition!

You can ask a WA for help if you need it!

All proposals and letters are due to Jennifer Magee (jimageel@swarthmore.edu) by 10 am on Friday, March 9.

You can find the address for your legislator by searching their name and position (US/state senator/representative) on Google.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask! Also, if you are interested in increasing political engagement on campus, join the Swarthmore Political Access Network's (SPAN) mailing list by going to <https://secure.sccs.swarthmore.edu/mailman/listinfo/span>.