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Home Learning Association Launches New “Solutions Debate” Program

The Home Learning Association is kicking off its new "Solutions Debate" program with the announcement of this year's topic. The "Solutions Debate" program, is an ongoing national forum that motivates all HLA member homeschoolers nationwide to deliberate over and implement solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

ENGLEWOOD, CO (October 30, 2013) – The Home Learning Association (HLA), a national membership organization for all homeschooling families in the United States, today kicks off its new "Solutions Debate" program with the announcement of this year's topic. The Solutions Debate program is a six month long national debate forum hosted by the Home Learning Association that encourages member homeschoolers to brainstorm, discuss and implement solutions to one of the world's most pressing problems. The program is open to HLA members aged 13-18, and they can enter individually or in teams of any size. Sign-ups for the Solutions Debate program officially begin on Friday, November 1, 2013.

“Terra Scholars (homeschoolers) are in a unique position to come up with solutions to problems that are facing the world today. They see the world as their classroom and they are unbridled by the responsibilities that they will face later in life, such as paying off college loans or raising a family,” said J. Allen Weston, Executive Director of the Home Learning Association. “This program provides a phenomenal opportunity for homeschoolers to apply their education to solve real-world issues.”

The topic for this season's Solutions Debate is "What is the best strategy to reduce the need for government spending?" Starting November 15th, debate participants or teams will have until January 15th, 2014 to research, analyze, refine, find compelling evidence for and prepare their solution for presentation. Ten of the proposals, with the most compelling solutions, will be chosen to advance and then all Solutions Debate participants will use their critical thinking and out-of-the-box thinking skills to analyze, constructively criticize or add support for the various proposals. Thereafter, from January 15th, 2014 to May 14, 2014, participants will progress through various stages to provide support or opposition to refine the best proposals until the very best solution is chosen by a vote of everyone involved. The best solution to the Solutions Debate topic will then be presented at the Home Learning Expo, the HLA's seven-day virtual expo from May 17th -23rd, 2014, featuring dozens of speakers, talent showcases of all kinds including a science fair and film festival, college recruiters, vendors and conferences for the Student Council and Leadership Council (made up of parents) that want their voices heard.

Participants are strongly encouraged to use as many resources as possible to bolster their proposals' viability and effectiveness, such as turning to experts in related fields for input. If the Home Learning Association deems the final chosen proposal actionable and a good fit for the

world problem it was designed for, the project will be placed on one or more crowd funding sites to generate capital to actively implement the plan. The Home Learning Association may thereafter look for additional grants or donations should the project require additional funding. Furthermore, the participants involved in crafting the winning proposal will be invited to help carry out the project, or otherwise stay involved, should they desire.

More details on the Solutions Debate and how to get involved can be found at http://HomeLearningAssociation.com/solutions_debate.php. If families have any questions regarding the Solutions Debate program, they can reach the Home Learning Association's Debate Coordinator at Debate@HomeLearningAssociation.com or by calling 303-800-5774.

About the Home Learning Association

The Home Learning Association is the first national homeschool organization to offer comprehensive educational, networking and socialization activities along with a wide variety of resources at a national level while providing both students and parents with a voice regarding homeschooling in America. It was founded and is run by the Weston family, a veteran homeschooling family of seventeen years. Started by homeschoolers for all homeschoolers, the association partners with over a dozen affiliated companies to ensure all of the homeschooling community's needs are met. To pre-order a free e-book that discusses every aspect of homeschooling in depth or to obtain more information, please visit www.HomeLearningAssociation.com, find us on Twitter (@TerraScholar) or facebook or call 303-800-5774.

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