Resolved: The UN should substantially increase...

... humanitarian assistance to persons living in poverty...

... I want to be an advocate...

... I want a TRIP to New York...

... I want to compete against the world’s best...

... I want the PRIZE MONEY.
I just want to **WIN**.
CALLING ALL STUDENTS:

Bickel & Brewer law firm and New York University proudly announce the ninth annual International Public Policy Forum – the only contest that gives high school students from across the globe the opportunity to participate in written and oral debates on issues of public policy.

Founded in 2001 as the “National Public Policy Forum,” or NPPF, this debate contest expanded last year to include international teams. New this year, the IPPF competition will now award the top eight teams – rather than four – an all-expenses-paid trip to the finals in NYC!

The contest is open to all schools – public and private – for free. High school teams compete for National Forensic League points, more than $30,000 in awards and scholarships, and the chance to compete in the finals on the NYU campus.

The IPPF is unlike any other form of debate. While the contest topic is based on the current NFL Policy/Team Debate topic, the IPPF welcomes debaters from across a spectrum of debate/forensic events. Thus, the competition is judged on factors including, but not limited to, well-founded arguments, effective communication and grammar. Arguments do not need to be based solely on topicality, solvency, harms, inherency, and significance.
HERE’S HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Work with your debate coach or English teacher to put your team together. Go online to www.bickelbrewer.com/debate and register your team by October 14, 2009.

2. Prepare a qualifying round case on the 2009-2010 IPPF topic, “Resolved: The United Nations should substantially increase humanitarian assistance for persons living in poverty.”

Cases are limited to 2,800 words and may be written from an affirmative or negative perspective. Participating teams may be comprised of any number of students. Only one case is allowed per high school. Please visit www.bickelbrewer.com/debate for information and case examples.

Submit your case by 2 p.m. CST on October 28, 2009, to Sarah Marshala at sem@bickelbrewer.com. Call 214-653-4035 for more information.

3. Cases will be reviewed by a panel of judges comprised of attorneys, business leaders and members of the NYU Speech & Debate Team. The top 32 teams will be announced at www.bickelbrewer.com/debate on November 4, 2009. All of these teams earn cash awards. The top 32 teams also advance to the elimination rounds, where they participate in a single-elimination, written debate tournament. Individual matches begin immediately via the Internet, with one school affirming the resolution and the other negating it.

The cases are again reviewed by a panel of judges, and winning teams advance to the next round. This process continues until the final eight teams emerge.

4. Pack your bags! The final eight teams earn an all-expenses-paid trip to the IPPF Finals Weekend at NYU, April 16-18, 2010. This trip provides up to three students and two coaches per school the opportunity to participate in a written and oral debate competition before a panel of some of the world’s foremost experts in debate, business, law and politics. The winning team claims a $10,000 grand prize ($5,000 for the school and $5,000 for team members) and the “Bickel & Brewer Cup.” The other teams also receive awards and cash prizes at a special banquet and awards ceremony.

The IPPF is endorsed by:
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- National Association for Urban Debate Leagues
- International Debate Education Association
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