



# THE GREAT DEBATE

## for high school freshmen

### What is the Great Debate?

NHI leadership programs at the high school freshman level concentrate on strengthening student communications skills, guiding them to speak with authority, skill, and confidence. Teams of 25-40 are organized in local communities and train with volunteers from March to May. NHI annually sets debate themes and topics. Students can decide to compete in stand-alone events like Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking or team competitions like Cross Examination Debate and Mock Trial.

### Where does the Great Debate take place?

Teams travel by chartered bus in June or July to the various tournament sites, which include Austin College in North Texas, Augustana College in Southern Illinois, or the University of Texas at Austin. Students from the Northeast U.S., different Latin American countries, or those with schedules that do not allow for extra activity in the Spring can attend the six-day format, which does not require prior preparation. NHI offers six-day tournament sites at the nationally recognized campus of Villanova University in Pennsylvania or the newly established Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas. NHI undergraduate alumni act as coaches and work with the students through an accelerated learning process culminating in a three-day, highly intense competition.

### What do participants take away?

Action learning principles guide the process of this program. Learning to organize and express thought is an important part of a person's ability to succeed. Whether in school, the business world, or everyday contact with others, these capacities are especially important to youth who plan to play active leadership roles in community life. The Great Debate makes critical thinking and analysis fun because students work with peers their age and training coaches, who are just two or three years older. There is a notable difference that a three-month training program makes on students' self-confidence and focus. Critical reading and thinking also become building blocks that improve college entrance examinations. Earning top grades and striving for excellence becomes normal.

### How does the student qualify to participate?

An applicant must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or higher and serious intent to attend college. High school counselor nominations always give an edge to applicants. A counselor can make nominations by calling our office. Applications must be submitted by the deadline indicated, along with a \$20 USD application processing fee at [www.nhi-net.org](http://www.nhi-net.org). Applications lacking the \$20 fee are placed on "Inactive" status. Make sure to include the name of any NHI alumnus/a who assisted you.

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If you participate in the four-day community based experience you will be immediately connected with the local volunteer training team and area Project Administrator, a certified adult volunteer who manages and guides the local Great Debate project.



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# 2014 NHI PROGRAM SCHEDULE

all dates tentative • all rates in USD

## Ninth Grade Programs

### 4-Day Great Debates

Texas Great Debate, Austin College	June 12-15 2014	\$540
Texas Ambassador Great Debate, UT- Austin	July 24-27 2014	\$540

### 6-Day Great Debates

Texas Star Great Debate, Texas	June 8-13 2014	TBA
Northeast Great Debate, Villanova University	July 22-27 2014	TBA

## Tenth/Eleventh Grade Programs

### LDZ Youth Legislative Session

Colorado LDZ, Colorado State University	July 6-14 2014	\$755
National LDZ, (TBA Chicago)	June 29-July 6 2014	\$755
New York LDZ, University of Rochester	July 13-20 2014	\$755
Las Americas LDZ, Ciudad del Saber, Panama	TBA	\$855 / \$755 Panama Only
Texas LDZ, Southwestern University	July 20-27 2014	\$755

## Eleventh Grade NHI Alumni Programs

### Collegiate World Series

Texas CWS, Austin TX	July 2014	TBA
Northeast CWS, Boston MA	June 2014	TBA
International CWS, Florida	June/July 2013	TBA

## Celebración 2013

San Antonio, Texas <i>for qualifiers only!</i>	October 24-27, 2013	TBD
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# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

<b>TO APPLY ONLINE VISIT:</b>	<a href="http://www.nhi-net.org">www.nhi-net.org</a> (Link "Apply for a Program")
<b>TO APPLY VIA MAIL:</b>	Print out applications under "Forms" and mail them to: NATIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE • P.O. BOX 220, MAXWELL, TX 78656

### DEADLINES:

<b>Application due</b>	<b>Deposit due</b>	<b>Full tuition due</b>
9/30/2013	10/1/2013	10/31/2013

Contact NHI with payment questions

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION:

APPLY AT: [www.nhi-net.org](http://www.nhi-net.org) under "Apply for a Program"

PAYMENTS: [www.nhi-net.org](http://www.nhi-net.org) under "Make a Payment"

PARENT RELEASE AND MEDICAL FORMS: [www.nhi-net.org](http://www.nhi-net.org) under "Programs" and then "Forms"



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2014 PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 1ST TIME APPLICANTS

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA (PRINT CLEARLY):

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
Home Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail(required) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL (Circle One) Sex \_\_\_\_\_M\_\_\_\_\_F
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_
Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
S.S.#(Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Yr \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Out of \_\_\_\_\_
Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ Scale
Counselor E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Primary Contact
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 2: PROGRAM SITES (DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

For LDZ or CWS ONLY: Please write a "1" next to your first choice site and a "2" next to your second choice site. (\*) indicates "tentative"

9TH GRADE GREAT DEBATE

Four-Day Great Debates

TEXAS GREAT DEBATE -OR- TEXAS AMBASSADOR GREAT DEBATE
June 12 -15, 2014 Austin College Sherman, TX (Dallas)
July 24 - 27, 2014\* University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX

Select Region:

- Austin, Dallas, Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo & Starr), Baytown, El Paso, San Antonio, Central Texas, Greater Houston, Tip of Texas (Cameron), Corpus Christi, Laredo

\*Site determination for the four day great debate is handled by the Project Administrator of each region.

Six-Day Great Debates

MIDWEST GREAT DEBATE TEXAS STAR GREAT DEBATE NORTHEAST GREAT DEBATE
July 8 -13, 2014 July 13 - 18, 2014\* July 22 - 27, 2014\*
Augustana College TBD Villanova University
Rock Island, IL San Antonio, TX\* Villanova, PA (Philadelphia)

10TH/11TH GRADE LDZ

COLORADO LDZ NEW YORK LDZ
July 6 - 13, 2014 July 13 - 20, 2014
Colorado State University University of Rochester
Fort Collins, CO (Denver) Rochester, NY
NATIONAL LDZ TEXAS LDZ
July 29 - July 6, 2014 July 20 - 27, 2014
Elmhurst College Southwestern University
Elmhurst, IL (Chicago) Georgetown, TX (Austin)
LDZ LAS AMERICAS CALIFORNIA LDZ\*
July 29 - July 6, 2014 June 22 - 29, 2014
Ciudad del Saber de Panama University of San Diego
Panama City, Panama San Diego, CA

11TH GRADE CWS

TEXAS CWS NORTHEAST CWS INTERNATIONAL CWS\*
July 2014 Mid June 2014 June/July 2014
TBD TBA TBD
Austin, TX Boston, MA Florida

SECTION 3: NOMINATION

If you were nominated by an NHI high school alumna/us, fill out the section below (Junior Counselor/ region coaching candidates should fill this section out prior to distributing application)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
Program Site and Year \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 5: AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

I, as the authorized parent/guardian certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand that NHI Programs are fully supervised programs of the National Hispanic Institute and that the program cost DOES NOT include transportation to and from the host university, unless otherwise stated. I further understand that all program fees, payments and tuition are NOT refundable or transferable should the applicant be unable to attend.

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_
Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 4: APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed & signed application
A recent transcript or report card (previous year's last 6 weeks is acceptable)
List of Accomplishments (LDZ Only) (attach separate sheet to application)
Enclosed \$20 application processing fee

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Deadline: September 7, 2013

Full Tuition: October 31, 2013

Office Hours: M-F, 8:30AM-12:00PM; 1:30PM-6:00PM CST / Se habla español

APPLY ONLINE at www.nhi-net.org

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AMT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CK \_\_\_\_\_

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