BECOME AN LDZ OR LDZx DELEGATE

LDZ, the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session, is NHI’s flagship program. With 42 years of history, it’s a place where high achieving youth who aspire to be a part of community change can serve in future policy making roles. An eight-day process prepares delegates for the eventual roles they will play in organizational leadership and community governance. Through an interactive mock government protocol and a legislative and judicial simulation, students advance their organizational and decision making skills. Delegates undergo the real challenge of learning to gain support for their ideas in order to make a vision into reality. LDZ applicants from across the Americas can choose from three locations throughout the U.S.

TO APPLY YOU MUST:

• Be a high school sophomore (Class of 2025); juniors may also apply
• Have an average 3.2 / 88% GPA in core subject matter
• Have an interest in future community leadership roles
• Submit an online application with a $25 USD application fee

2023 PROGRAM SITES

Colorado LDZ
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado
June 18-25, 2023

American LDZ
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
St. Mary’s City, Maryland
Mid-July 2023

Texas LDZ
Central Texas
July 2023

Visit nationalhispanicinstitute.org/ldz
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Established in Austin, Texas, in 1979, NHI is a leading, educational nonprofit organization that fosters future community leaders throughout the Americas. Annually, NHI creates experiences that engage achieving high school and college youth in projects designed to advance our quality of life. NHI’s international network includes tens of thousands of industry leaders and community changemakers waiting to welcome you to the membership.

MILESTONES OF THE LDZ JOURNEY

- Advance your organizational and decision-making capacities
- Navigate a multicultural / multinational peer group
- Use peer feedback to clarify and express your ideas
- Build and use teams to get things done
- Use protocol and procedure to move your ideas forward
- Experience a week in the life of a college student
- Build relationships with college representatives
- Become part of a 42 year international tradition
- Become a member of the NHI network of leaders

EARLY ADMISSION - OCTOBER 15, 2022
REGULAR ADMISSION - NOVEMBER 15, 2022
LATE ADMISSION - DECEMBER 15, 2022

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NHI BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,500 high school students participate in NHI each summer
- 98% of all NHlers enroll in college upon high school graduation
- 95% of NHlers are admitted to selective colleges
- 90% of NHlers complete their bachelor’s degree in 5 years or less
- Over 100,000 alumni worldwide
- Over 65 four-year colleges and universities partner with and recruit from NHI
- NHlers go to college out of state at twice the national average
- Over 90% of ‘22 survey respondents recommend the experience to a friend
- Host colleges and volunteers drive down tuition costs by over 40%, saving NHI families money