Established in Austin, Texas, USA, 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 change-makers wanting to welcome you as new members.

FREE YOUR MIND TO CREATE
Join our assembly of bright and talented 9th-grade students to chart our community’s course for the future! The Great Debate offers young leaders an opportunity to express their inner voice while improving communication skills, building leadership, and broadening cultural knowledge. Through peer discussion groups and competition, discover how values shape communities, and how this can impact culture. Great Debaters who deliver the best arguments through skill, technique, and persuasive presentations advance in state-wide, national, and international Great Debate tournaments. Major awards are given for determination, courage, and creativity. After the program, Great Debaters feel inspired and apply their newfound knowledge to their high school leadership development, college networking through NHI, and join a life-long network of NHI alumni.

98% of NHI members enroll in college immediately after high school
90% of NHI members are admitted to selective colleges and universities
90% of NHI members complete their undergraduate degrees in 5 years or less
Since 1979, over 100,000 youth have participated in NHI learning experiences
Seven nations & 25 U.S. states were represented at 2023 NHI summer programs
More than 75% of NHI participants receive financial support and investment from community leaders, resources, and organizations
WHY GREAT DEBATE?

Student leaders like you must aim to communicate their ideas in an influential manner. In this post-pandemic era, that’s not all. Today’s environment defies barriers formerly associated with the community, borders, socioeconomic status, geography, language, or background. During the process of proposing change, future leaders realize that their ideas and suggestions must be accompanied by effective and clear communication. They must have an approachable tenor, logical train of thought, accessible tone of voice, and the ability to deliver their message to resonate with new eyes and ears.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1 Scan QR code or visit our GD landing page
2 Select preferred program location and dates (details on website)

Texas Great Debate
June 6–9, 2024
Austin College
Sherman, Texas, USA

Texas Star Great Debate
June, 2024
Our Lady of the Lake Univ.
San Antonio, Texas, USA

Midwest Great Debate
July 2–7, 2024
Augustana College
Rock Island, Illinois, USA

California Sol Great Debate
July, 2024
University of San Diego
San Diego, California, USA

Northeast Great Debate
July, 2024
Saint Francis University
Loretto, Pennsylvania, USA

RECOMMENDED BACKGROUNDS

- Current 9th-grade students who:
  - Hold a minimum GPA of 85/100 or 3.0/4.0
  - Seek to enroll in and graduate from a four-year college/university
  - Aspire to be community leaders
  - Show interest in increasing their knowledge of Latino/cultures
  - Seek to strengthen their communication skills
  - Want to expand their network and receive mentorship
  - Enjoy service and volunteerism

3 Select “Apply Here”
4 Submit the $25 deposit fee
5 Upload a Recent Card or Transcript (Last Reporting Period for 2022 – 2023 School Year accepted)
6 Enrollment Office reviews application within 3–5 business days & emails admission results

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ADMISSION DEADLINES
- Golden Ticket, Sept. 30, 2023
- Early Admission, Oct. 20, 2023
- Fall Admission, Nov. 20, 2023
- Winter Admission, Dec. 20, 2023