

About NHI

The National Hispanic Institute, founded in 1979, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Maxwell, Texas, within the Austin-San Marcos metropolitan area. With almost 40 years of experience, NHI hosts 16 programs, has over 10 local Alliance organizations and community compacts, and a consortium of over 70 four-year university partners.



“When we see the young people who enroll in our leadership programs, we see their potential. Their capacity to lead. The importance they place on family and community. We see the recognition that college should be more than preparation for making one’s own life better --- it should be about making everyone’s lives better.”

- ERNESTO NIETO Founder and President, NHI

Safety and Security

NHI takes extra measures to ensure the safety and security of students. Participants are housed in gender-separated dormitories. Students are grouped at registration cohorts or teams of no more than 16. Each cohort or team is led by a college or graduate school counselor who has 24-hour oversight supervision duties. All NHI staff complete background checks and receive training on student coaching and protection.

Students Traveling to Program Sites

Travel to program sites is not covered in the NHI program tuition. Students who travel independently to program sites are greeted by NHI staff at pre-designated baggage claim terminals, bus terminals, and given supervised transportation to the university campus. In cases where chartered transportation is provided, parents may be asked to pay a fee from the airport to campus or from the local community to the program site.

Tuition

NHI’s partnerships with its host institutions, combined with investments that NHI alumni and supporters make in the organization, help keep program costs attainable for students. Tuition costs include education, lodging (at on-campus dorms), and meals.

PROGRAM	OUR TUITION RATE*
GREAT DEBATE	US \$675
LDZ	US \$895
CWS	US \$695

* NHI tuition only represents 1/3 of the total program costs; 2/3 of the actual costs are underwritten by annual donors, sponsors, and host universities.



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National Hispanic Institute WHERE LEADERSHIP BEGINS

Established in 1979, NHI is a leading organization that develops future community leaders for the expanding Latino community throughout the United States and Latin America. Annually, NHI creates experiences that engage achieving high school and college-age youth in community leadership roles that advance our quality of life.



NHI Leadership Series

NHI OFFERS THREE SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Why join NHI?

For almost 40 years, NHI develops skills that transform students into leaders.

Students develop public speaking skills, design and author public policy, build capacity in the college application process, and build strong decision-making qualities.

At NHI, students learn by doing.

NHI programs are immersive. Students immediately dive into competition and collaboration as soon as they arrive on campus, making learning exciting, meaningful, and enduring.

At NHI, lifelong friendships are made.

NHI programs foster teamwork, nurture emotional intelligence, and provide students with challenges to accomplish in teams. NHI alumni have the opportunity to return as volunteers to direct programs and develop new generations of NHI students.

NHI can help you change the world.

NHI develops leaders for the growing global Latino community. To succeed, we work with high school students who value leadership. NHI alumni lead as entrepreneurs, doctors, educators, and in the business community. Some alumni also lead in the arts while others lead in politics — including the U.S. Congress.

YOUR VOICE: GREAT DEBATE 9th Grade

The Great Debate focuses on effective communication skill development and public speaking. Students are placed in speech and debate competitions centered on themes about the global Latino community. As a participant you will:

- Advance your communication skills
- Manage yourself in a multicultural / multinational environment
- Express your ideas more confidently
- Increase your self-confidence
- Increase your capacities to think critically and analytically
- Learn to use self-evaluation as a tool for improvement

Great Debate programs include a four- or six-day format. Six-day participants have all their training take place onsite during the summer. The four-day format is available only in major metropolitan areas in Texas. Four-day participants join local, community teams and start their team selection and preparation process during the Spring semester. This requires commitment to participation in 14 local sessions usually held on a weekend day.

YOUR VISION: LDZ 10th & 11th Grade

The Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session (LDZ) introduces students to public policy, governance, and organization learning. Students participate in the creation of mock political parties, elections, and a legislative session where they propose and debate bills designed to better the global Latino community.

No matter what careers LDZ alumni hold today, they recognize that their LDZ experience helped develop skills to manage organizational culture and use of formal protocols. LDZ gives its participants a platform to test ideas and opinions, while also evaluating personal leadership strengths and growth potential among peers.

YOUR PLAN: CWS 11th Grade (existing members only)

The purpose of the Collegiate World Series (CWS) is to prepare NHI member students for the college enrollment and transition process, and to also introduce them to inquiry-based learning (IBL). IBL is a powerful tool to help youth work through complex decision-making processes in life.

Throughout the five-day program, students form teams to complete in mock college admissions process guided by college admissions officers and NHI staff specializing in inquiry-based learning games.

How do I apply?

First, answer these questions:

- Do you value leadership?
- Do you value engaging in intellectually rigorous work with high achieving peers?
- Do you value hands on, live social learning experiences?
- Do you value opportunities to travel and visit new colleges and communities?

Students may apply to a 2019 NHI program at:
<https://www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/apply/-summer2019/>

Select your program and submit a US \$20 application fee via credit card, debit card, or e-check.

A high school freshman (9th grade) applying to the Great Debate must submit a copy of his or her report card or transcript that verifies a minimum 3.0/85% grade point average.

Applicants to either the LDZ (10th or 11th grade) or CWS (11th grade existing members) must submit a report card or transcript copy verifying a minimum 3.2/88% grade point average.

A downloadable PDF version of the application may be found at: <https://www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/forms/programinformation/>.

Applications are due by October 31, 2018 or until program is at capacity.



Scan to be directed
to the online application:

Students participating in the Four-Day Great Debate in Texas will determine whether they will attend the Texas Great Debate or Texas Ambassador Great Debate in coordination with the local Project Administrator in that city or region, since the teams participating in those programs have a limited number of spots. You can view an international listing along with area designations for Project Administrators and heads of community compacts at www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/project-administrators/

- 98% of all NHI members enroll in college immediately following high school graduation
- 95% of all NHI members are admitted to selective institutions of higher learning, attending out-of-state schools at twice the national average
- 90% of NHI alumni graduate from college in five years or less
- 67% of NHI college graduates pursue graduate studies