



NATIONALHISPANICINSTITUTE



PRESENTING THE 2017 SIX DAY GREAT DEBATE

The Great Debate (GD) is the introductory leadership learning opportunity sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute (NHI). As one of NHI's exclusive youth leadership experiences, the Great Debate provides the opportunity for over 1,000 high-achieving students to address the challenges of a modern-day Latino community through a speech and debate tournament. The 6-day experience focuses on reasoning, argumentation, and the power of communication, while exposing students to pertinent issues in the Latino Community. Participants spend the first part of the program in a team setting where they can explore, troubleshoot, and prepare to discuss their ideas regarding different abstract concepts. These include social, economic, or cultural happenings in the Latino community that they must dissect and understand from multiple points of view. Students are also asked to interpret and propose how these ideas will evolve in the future to prepare for the debates. The second part of the program is spent in a two day debate tournament where students have the opportunity to showcase their newly acquired communication skills and test the caliber of their ideas against those of their peers.



WHY JOIN?

Students who gain membership in the National Hispanic Institute's vast network through participating in the Great Debate invariably find themselves having several advantages over similar age peers. Immediately after participation students walk away with language skills that play a part in their immediate academic achievement, test scores, and even college admissions. Students will also feel comfortable in highly competitive environments, expand their knowledge of the world around them, and acquire a newfound appreciation for the Latino community.

Long term, these students will gain access to future leadership opportunities through NHI's Summer Leadership Series, Collegiate Leadership Network, as well as numerous volunteer and internship opportunities. NHI's College Register provides college opportunities to all NHI graduates as well. Presently, professional alumni associations exist throughout the U.S. and Latin America from which both students and alumni can draw resources.

Ultimately, the academic, social, and professional caliber of these students' networks heighten through their continued participation with NHI. No better investment can be made by schools or parents than encouraging their young people to attend the Great Debate programs of the National Hispanic Institute.

ENROLLING IN THE GREAT DEBATE

To apply to the Great Debate in 2017, an applicant must be a 2016-2017 high school freshman and have at least a 3.0 GPA (85/100 scale; 8.5/10 scale) in core subject matter. Students must submit (email/fax) their latest report card. NHI accepts final report cards from the previous year as well.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Students may apply at: www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/apply/apply_2017/. Select your program and submit a \$20USD application fee via credit/debit or echeck
- Students may print out and submit a paper application by going to www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/forms. Download, complete and send the PDF application with the \$20 application fee made payable to "NHI" to: "NHI, P.O. Box 220, Maxwell, TX 78656 USA". For FEDEX/UPS/DHL, ship to: "NHI, 472 FM 1966, Maxwell, TX, 78656, USA"

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Early Admissions: **August 18 - October 17**
- Regular Admissions: **October 18 - December 5**
- Late Admissions: **December 6 - Capacity**

CONTACT US

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WHERE DOES THE GREAT DEBATE TAKE PLACE?

Texas Star Great Debate

Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas acts as the host site for the 150 Texas Star Great Debate students who traditionally live in South Texas. The program has widened its footprint since its inception to include students from the Southwestern states of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada, and more recently, international students from Mexico. The Texas Star Great Debate encourages participants to see themselves as national and international change-makers.

Program Date: June 13-18, 2017
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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

Northeast Great Debate

Hosted at Villanova University, home to the 2016 NCAA Men's Basketball Champions, the Northeast Great Debate is considered one of NHI's most diverse programs. Annually, we welcome over 80 international students from Panama, the Dominican Republic and Mexico, in addition to over 100 local students representing US regions like Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Texas, Florida and California. The Northeast Great Debate is an exchange of cultures and traditions that engages participants in global vision building experiences.

Program Dates: July 25 - 30, 2017
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Midwest Great Debate

For over 14 years, Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, has served as the home of the Midwest Great Debate. In the Midwest, seven regions traditionally partake in the Great Debate experience. In Illinois, Lake County, Lyons Township, Summit, and Chicago students participate annually. Outside of Illinois, students from the Quad Cities, Kansas City, and Omaha are involved as well. Recently, this program has included delegations from the states of California and Texas. In 2017 NHI extends an invitation to communities in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan for the Midwest Great Debate.

Program Dates: July 11 - 16, 2017
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TUITION AND FEES

Through the generosity of host partners, volunteers, and NHI's mobilization efforts, we are able to offer our summer leadership experiences to families at 50% of the actual cost of attending. The 6 Day Great Debate tuition is \$645 USD, which includes a \$20 application processing fee. This amount covers meals, housing, materials, and tuition. Once the student receives notice of admission via email, s/he has 10 days to make a \$150 USD security deposit. The final tuition amount is due within 30 days of submitting the deposit. Students can also make arrangements with NHI's business office for an alternate payment plan. Travel costs to and from the program are not included.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Admitted students are encouraged to visit with their respective schools, local businesses and civic organizations to seek financial support. NHI is a private, 501(c) 3 non profit organization that provides tax receipts to donors.