

National Federation of State High School Associations



2017 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit

Student/Adult
Ambassador Application



July 17 – 19, 2017

at the Indianapolis Hyatt
Regency
Indianapolis, Indiana

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TOMORROW'S LEADERS – HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

Incredible attention is being paid to high school athletics and activities today; high school activity participants are looked upon as leaders because of their position on the team or club. Their impact on the climate and culture of their schools and other students is enormous. In fact, studies show that more than one-half of high school students participate in some sort of school activity or athletic program. Their involvement in the success of a high school is paramount and critical. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), which serves more than 11 million students nationwide each year, wants to be the leader in training talented, committed young people to become better citizens and who will be positive, contributing adults. We are pleased to announce that the NFHS is hosting the National Student Leadership Summit, with the theme **“Take Part. Get Set For Life.”**

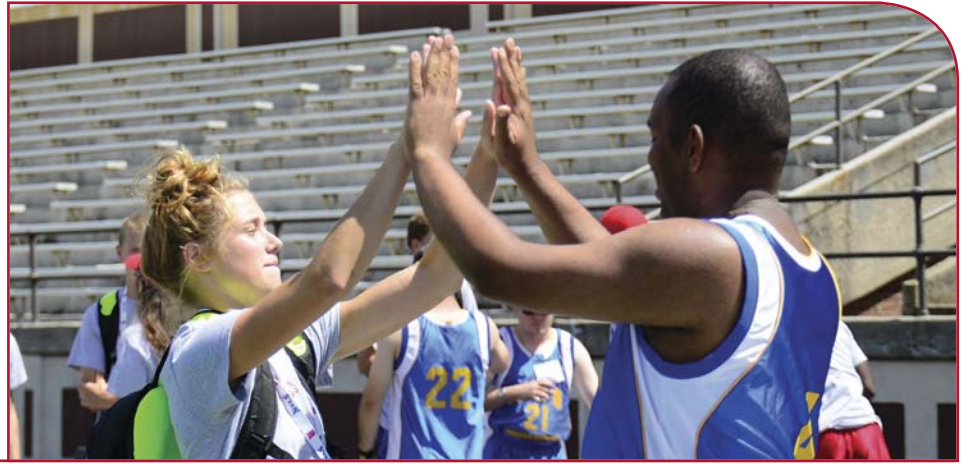
The NFHS is excited about its newest student leadership initiative – the National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS). The NSLS will focus on relevant and contemporary issues affecting today's students in education-based athletics and performing arts. Students will sharpen their leadership skills and will realize the privilege and power of their influence in their school, community and state.

By utilizing a “train the trainer” concept, each student ambassador will learn how to develop and maintain healthy relationships with teammates, coaches/adult leaders and officials. They will learn conflict-resolution techniques and understand how to be better communicators with their peers and adults. They also will learn the value of perspective and inclusion. Experts will discuss these issues in a lecture/interactive format in small group breakout classes.

Although the student (or state association) is responsible for transportation to and from the summit, the NFHS covers all other expenses: hotel room, materials, meals and local ground transportation. Adult ambassadors must provide for their own transportation and hotel room although summit materials, meals and local ground transportation will be provided by the NFHS.

The adult ambassadors will have to pay for their hotel room (\$131/single and \$147/per double per night). Use the following link for hotel reservations: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NSLS>





ABOUT THE NFHS. . .

The NFHS stands for the National Federation of State High School Associations. It writes playing rules for 17 high school sports, and coordinates the national high school debate topic. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and activities that help students succeed in their lives. We set directions for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. Through the work of its member state high school associations, the NFHS is responsible for more than 11 million students participating in sports, spirit programs and performing arts. The young people who are selected are a privileged group of individuals, because they represent their schools, states and themselves in Indianapolis in July 2017.

Q: WHO ARE PERFORMING ARTISTS?

Those talented individuals involved in speech, debate, music, theatre and band. There are approximately four million students who are part of their school's performing arts programs and more than 7.5 million who are involved in athletics.

Q: WHY IS THE NFHS HOSTING THE NSLS?

This is the only national student leadership summit for athletes and performing arts participants. The NFHS feels these individuals have inherent leadership abilities and are the leaders of the future. The NFHS plans to direct these high school students on how to develop their leadership abilities and interact with their peers from around the United States and other countries.

Q: WHAT IS THE CONFERENCE ATMOSPHERE AND ATTIRE?

This is a relaxed atmosphere to encourage learning and facilitate interaction. The mid-80 degree weather dictates casual clothes-jeans, shorts, skirts, sneakers, t-shirts would be appropriate for the majority of the conference functions. There is one occasion that your attire needs to be aligned with the event. The event is a celebration dance on Tuesday evening before you depart for home. This is not a black-tie affair, but we recommend you wear casual clothes that you can dance in. As part of your registration, we will provide you with two t-shirts (one conference and one travel shirt for your trip back home on Wednesday).

Q: GREAT, I WANT TO GO! WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Ask your school principal to contact your local state athletic/activity association for more information or check out the NFHS website, www.nfhs.org.

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INDIANAPOLIS

The 12th largest city in the nation and the capital of Indiana, the Circle City is the center of America's heartland. More than 65 percent of the U.S. population lives within a 700-mile radius of Indianapolis. More inter-states converge in Indianapolis than in any other city in the United States, which makes it one of America's most accessible cities.

The Arts play an important part in the lives of the people of Central Indiana and enrich the culture of the community. Indianapolis supports more than 200 arts organizations, including a world-class symphony, theater, opera, ballet, museums and art galleries.

Indianapolis offers a wide range of restaurants catering to tastes from traditional Indiana fare to gourmet vegetarian or international dishes. Nightlife offers something for everyone, including comedy clubs, dancing and dinner theaters.

Indianapolis certainly deserves its unofficial designation as "Amateur Sports Capital of the World." The city has state-of-the-art facilities for numerous sports, including venues that have hosted world-class competitions. Indianapolis offers something for all types of sports fans: the annual N.H.R.A. Nationals, Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, Brickyard 400, the NFL Indianapolis Colts, the NBA Indiana Pacers, the WNBA Indiana Fever, the Indianapolis Indians baseball team and the Indianapolis Fuel hockey team. The city is also known for its support of high school sports and activities.

The downtown White River State Park includes the 78-acre Indianapolis Zoo featuring over 2,500 exotic and domestic animals exhibited in "cageless" simulated natural habitats of the world's waters, deserts, plains and forests. The Zoo includes Indiana's largest aquarium and the nation's only totally enclosed environmentally controlled whale and dolphin performance center. The White River Botanical Gardens are adjacent to the zoo located across the White River from the NFHS office.

The Hyatt Regency Indianapolis is a jewel in the downtown lodging crown. It is near the Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the NFL Colts) and Indiana Convention Center and blocks from Bankers Life Fieldhouse, home of the NBA Pacers and WNBA Fever. The Hyatt Regency Indianapolis is steps away from downtown Indianapolis restaurants and theatres. The hotel is next to Circle Center Mall, which includes a variety of specialty stores.

Horse-drawn carriage tours of the sights in the downtown area are available days and evenings.





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STUDENT AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

(Please Print)

- Male Female Other
- White Black Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Two or More Races

Student's First and Last Name _____

Student's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Student Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Address _____
(if different from student)

T-shirt Size *(based on men's sizing)* _____

School Name _____

School/Association Twitter Handle _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Telephone Number _____

Principal's Name _____

Principal's Email Address _____

Current Grade in School _____

- First Time Attendee Returning Ambassador

List all school and community activities you are involved in with an emphasis on leadership roles.

In 200 words or less, please answer the question on the next page.



**STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
APPLICATION
SECOND PAGE**

In 200 words or less, please answer the following question:

a. Why is learning to be a better leader important to you?

b. How will you apply the skills and techniques learned to your team or group?

If I am selected as one of my state's delegates, I agree to attend the 2017 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit, July 17-19, 2017, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

To be submitted online with the Student Health History/Consent for Treatment Form, the Code of Conduct, the Liability and Release Waiver.

STUDENT HEALTH HISTORY/CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

(Please Print)

Student's First and Last Name _____

Student's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Mother Phone Numbers – Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Father Phone Numbers – Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Emergency Phone Number (Other than parent/guardian) Name _____

Relation to Student _____

Family Physician _____ Physician Phone Number _____

Insurance Company _____ Group Plan Number _____

Policy Number _____ Insurance Benefit Code _____

Does the student have any special physical needs? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Does the student have any special dietary needs? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Is student allergic to any drugs? (e.g. penicillin, insulin) _____

Is student allergic to bee stings? _____ Can student take antihistamines? _____

Is student currently under any medical treatment? (please explain) _____

Medication student is currently taking (includes antihistamines, anti-convulsives, tranquilizers, insulin, etc.) _____

Any special health problems? (Past and Present) _____

List operations within the past year _____

Emotional problems (e.g. hyperventilation, hysteria, depression, etc.) _____

(This document will be retained in confidence by the Leadership Conference Medical Director)

To be submitted online with the Student Ambassador Application (2 pages), the Code of Conduct and the Liability and Release Waiver.

"I hereby give permission for the above named student to be treated by a physician or licensed nurse at a hospital or on the scene in the event of a medical or surgical emergency."

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

(the "Agreement") FOR THE NFHS National Student Leadership Summit, July 17-19, 2017 (The "Event")

In consideration for being permitted to observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in the Event, EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for him or herself, his personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he has, or will immediately upon entering the Event:

1. RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE: The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), any and all sponsors of the Event, their subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, officers, directors, agents and representatives, the Event promoters, participants, venue operators and owners, city officials, competitors, technicians, any persons in any restricted area, lessees of premises used to conduct the Event and each of them, all for the purpose herein referred to as "releasees", from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the persons or property resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise while the undersigned is in or upon any restricted areas, and/or, competing, officiating in, observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the Event.
2. AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in or upon the restricted areas or in any way competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for a any purpose participating in the Event and whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
3. ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while in or upon restricted areas and/or while participating, observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the Event. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE Event are dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or property damage. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement portion thereof is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
4. THE UNDERSIGNED hereby grants permission to the NFHS full permission now and forever, with no obligation to compensate me further, to use photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or other record of my participation for advertising and promotional materials and for any other purpose the NFHS, in its sole discretion deems necessary. This includes the posting of such photographs, recordings, or other media representation of myself, on any website, or licensing others to do so in their promotional materials or websites.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, RELEASEOR IS AGREEING TO HAVE ANY CLAIM DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND IS GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representation, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Print Student Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Legal Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

(If you are under 18)

To be submitted online with the Student Ambassador Application (2 pages), the Code of Conduct, and the Student Health History/Consent for Treatment Form.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Student Name _____ School _____

I, the undersigned student leader, do hereby agree:

1. To abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the Adult Ambassadors, and all adult supervisors.
2. To waive and release any and all rights and claims for any damages I may have against the National Federation, the state association, and any other employee of the NFHS, for any injuries arising from my participation in this activity.
3. To accept responsibility for my behavior so that it does not reflect discredit on my school, my state association, or myself.
4. To use no tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs at the Summit.
5. To treat all student and adult ambassadors, college and adult staff, NFHS staff, speakers, and hotel staff with respect and dignity.

I understand that if I break any of the rules of the Summit that I will be sent home immediately at my own expense, after the NFHS has made arrangements with my parent/legal guardian.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

I, the parent/guardian of the above signed student, understand the obligations accepted by my son/daughter as outlined above and give my consent for his/her participation in the 2017 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit. I do further release the National Federation of State High School Associations and my State Association, sponsors of this summit, and any other employee of said organizations from any claim for damages incurred by the said student that might be a direct or indirect outgrowth of his/her participation in this conference.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

To be submitted online with the Student Ambassador Application (2 pages), the Student Health History/Consent for Treatment Form, and the Liability and Release Waiver.

2017 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit Supplemental Information

The VHSL is dedicated to educated based athletics and activities, and believes that the lessons young people learn while involved in athletics and activities help them become productive, successful and contributing adults.

The VHSL will select six students (with the goal representation being three males, three females, and each of the six representing a separate VHSL classification) to serve as VHSL Ambassadors to the 2017 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS). Those selected will attend the National Student Leadership Summit, all expenses paid, at the Downtown Indianapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, **July 17-19, 2017**.

The ideal candidates will:

- be active in VHSL sports and/or activities
- demonstrate a history of service within (or desire to serve) their school and/or community
- have attended and/or plan to attend VHSL Student Leaders Conferences
- demonstrate academic achievement
- demonstrate positive leadership qualities such as character, initiative, motivation, follow-through, sportsmanship and teamwork

In addition to attending the NSLS, VHSL Ambassadors may be requested to participate in other VHSL events during their high school career, which may include, but are not limited to:

- VHSL Membership Meeting (October in Charlottesville and/or March in Richmond)
- VHSL State Basketball Championships (March in Richmond)

Eligibility, Application Deadline, Screening, and Selection

Each VHSL member school is invited to nominate two students, one male and one female, to be a Student Leadership Ambassador. **Completed applications must be received in the VHSL office no later than April 3.** Please submit application to Lisa Giles, Director of Student Services, at the VHSL office.

VHSL staff will screen applications to ensure completeness and that guidelines have been met. Final selections will be made and announced mid-May with preference given to sophomores and juniors.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name: _____ VHSL Region: _____

VHSL PARTICIPATION

Using the chart(s) below, please check (with a J or V) each VHSL sport or activity in which you have participated by grade. Use J to indicate JV. Use V to indicate Varsity.

SPORT	9	10	11	12
Baseball				
Basketball				
Cheer				
Cross Country				
Field Hockey				
Football				
Golf				
Gymnastics				
Indoor Track				
Lacrosse				
Outdoor Track				
Soccer				
Softball				
Swim/Dive				
Tennis				
Volleyball				
Wrestling				

ACTIVITY	8	9	10	11	12
Broadcast					
Creative Writing					
Debate					
Film					
Forensics					
Magazine					
Newspaper					
Scholastic Bowl					
Theatre					
Yearbook					
VHSL Student Leaders Conference					

