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2018 Canadian Nursing Students' Association National Team Application

Do you enjoy debates and public speaking?

Are you passionate about societal and ethical issues?

If you answered **yes**, the CNSA National Team could be for you!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the National Team?

The National Team is a CNSA student-led debate at the National Conference. Each team is comprised of 6 general members and the coordinator. One general member is selected from each of the five geographical regions, there is one wildcard member that can be from any of the five geographical regions. The coordinator is a member of the conference planning committee. Together, the team will prepare for and deliver a debate for the National Conference attendees. A new team is selected for each national conference.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the 2018 National Team, you must be a **current student in your last or second-to-last year**, and you must be a member of a CNSA chapter school in good standing. You must be able to attend the entire conference from January 23-28, 2018, in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

What does the team do?

Members are responsible for preparing an argument for a live debate in front of attendees at the National Conference. Successful candidates will be notified and will be given more details on the topics being debated. Members will be responsible for researching the chosen topic prior to arrival to the conference. While at the conference, the team will meet and compile their information into a formal debate format. The team will present on Friday, January 26th, 2018.

What will the debate look like?

A debate is a discussion about an issue or a resolution. A formal debate involves two teams: one supporting a resolution and one opposing it. There will be three students on each team. Teams will be randomly selected prior to the debate. Each team will present their initial arguments supporting or opposing the resolution. The affirmative team will have an opportunity to cross-examine the opposing team. The opposing team will respond to the affirmative team's cross-examination. After a recess, the opposing team will have an opportunity to cross-examine the affirmative team, and the affirmative team will respond to the opposing team's cross-examination. The debate will close with a

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summary from each team. There may be a question and discussion period if time allows.

What do I get in return?

Members of the National Team have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, work on their public speaking, and develop their debate skills. Furthermore, in exchange for their participation on the national team, members will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses. Conference registration fees will also be covered by the CNSA. In order to ensure full reimbursement, members must abide by the guidelines for National Team, which are outlined later in this document.

Time Commitment

Members are expected to have researched the chosen topic before attending the conference. Members will have to compile information to present to the NT coordinator before the conference.

Members are expected to attend the conference in its entirety. This means arriving by 1600 on January 23, 2018 and remaining until the last day of the conference.

The NT coordinator will arrange the time and location for the initial NT meeting.

Members are expected to participate equally in preparing for the debate. Members are expected to attend and contribute to all National Team (NT) meetings prior to the conference and during the conference.

National Team meetings may conflict with OD/AD responsibilities and conference events including Regional Meetings and National Assemblies. If there is a conflict, ODs/ADs must ensure that their responsibilities can be delegated to another delegate or member of their chapter school.

All members must participate in the actual debate for the conference attendees.

How do I apply?

Apply to be a member of the 2018 National Team here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/cVcg3m1oVhM3pZv1>

Applications can be submitted in English or French. For a copy of the information package, poster, and application form in French, email ncteam@cnsa.ca

A reference letter from a clinical instructor, lab instructor, or agency project leader must be emailed directly to the National Team Coordinator with the name of the applicant in the subject box. Please note any reference letters received directly from an applicant

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will not be considered. Applications must be received by December 3rd, 2017 – 2100 PST to be considered. Send applications to: ncteam@cnsa.ca

Email ncteam@cnsa if you have any questions.

GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

1. Should a member not abide by the guidelines as stipulated, CNSA reserves the right to not reimburse the aforementioned expenses.
2. Should a member not be able to fulfill his/her obligation for NT due to unforeseen circumstances, the member must notify the NT coordinator or National Conference Director immediately.

Selection Process for National Team Members

1. National Team shall consist of six (6) members in total.
2. Any students in the last or second-to-last year of their program and a member of CNSA are permitted to apply.
3. If possible, there will be one representative from each region (5 of 6 members). If there are no applicants from a particular region, then the most suitable candidate from another region will be chosen.
4. All applicants shall complete the National Team Application Form.
5. Application forms will be reviewed by the NT coordinator, who will remove any identifiers.
6. Application forms shall be submitted to the National Conference Planning Committee who will then choose candidates.
7. The National Conference planning committee shall select the best candidate based on information given on the application form.
8. Successful applicants will be notified within a reasonable time of National Conference, so that any travel arrangements can be made, and research conducted.
9. Where possible, the National Conference Director will cover major travel costs prior to conference (i.e. airfare, boat fees, train fees, etc.). If not possible the team members will be reimbursed for their expenses when all receipts have been submitted.