



SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

The following is an application to compete in **Granite State Challenge**, a televised academic quiz tournament produced and broadcast by New Hampshire Public Television.

In submitting this application the undersigned, being an authorized representative of the secondary school named below, agrees that the school, and its students, will abide by the following conditions for participation in **Granite State Challenge**:

1. Each competing school will appoint a coach or coaches who will serve as the school's liaison with NHPTV. All specific information regarding taping dates, show format, scoring procedures, etc. will be handled by the Coach and NHPTV.
2. Each competing school will be responsible for selection of team members. Each team will consist of four regular playing members, one of which shall serve as team captain. Each team must also retain two non-playing alternates. These alternates, at the discretion of the coach and with advance notification to NHPTV, may be rotated into playing status for a regular team member who is absent on the day of a show taping, or for strategic reasons.
3. At least one playing team member must be a New Hampshire resident.
4. All matches, including the final hour-long "SuperChallenge", will be pre-taped on weekdays. **Teams selected to compete must participate on the date and at the time assigned by NHPTV. There can be no exceptions.** A taping schedule will be determined and distributed following the selection of the teams.
5. Family members of NHPTV employees may not participate on a Granite State Challenge team.
6. **All judges' decisions are final. No exceptions.**
7. Participation in the contest shall be considered a school function, with the competing schools taking full responsibility for the students' transportation to and from NHPTV, and agreeing to accept full liability for the students' conduct and safety. **Teams not conducting themselves in an appropriate manner may be disqualified from further competition regardless of the outcome of their game.**

I, being an authorized representative of the high school or secondary school named below, have read the attached regulations and agree that the school, and participating students, will abide by them if chosen to compete on **Granite State Challenge**.

Signature _____ Date _____
Name (Please Print) _____ Title _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Name _____
Mascot _____
School Colors _____
Enrollment (Grade 9-12) _____
County _____
Mailing Address _____
Local Newspaper(s) _____
Principal's Name _____
Principal's E-Mail _____
School Phone _____
School Fax _____
School Web Address _____
Additional Information _____

COACH 1 INFORMATION

Name _____
E-Mail _____
Summer Address _____
Summer Phone _____

COACH 2 INFORMATION (if applicable)

Name _____
E-Mail _____
Summer Address _____
Summer Phone _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED PAGE TO:

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You may download this application, or apply online at:
<http://www.nhptv.org/gsc/apply.asp>

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NHPTV ON OR BEFORE
APRIL 1st**



SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must be authorized representatives of New Hampshire secondary schools serving grades 9-12. **Application does not guarantee placement in our final roster of competing schools.** Competing teams are selected based upon a number of criteria designed to deliver a balance of teams that will make for an exciting season. **All decisions are final**, and are based upon the following:

1. **RECENT PARTICIPATION.** *Schools not represented recently on Granite State Challenge will receive preference. Any school may apply to participate in a given year, however, in order to allow for the most diverse roster of schools possible, those having competed the prior year are generally deemed ineligible except under extenuating circumstances.*
2. **GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.** *All major areas of the state will be represented. Schools will be chosen in a manner that reflects this quest for geographic diversity.*
3. **ENROLLMENT.** *Schools of varying sizes will be represented. Every effort will be made to balance the roster with schools of various sizes and to pair schools of like size in the opening round of competition.*
4. **SCHOOL TYPE.** *Both public and private schools will be represented as evenly as possible. Given that private schools are in the minority they tend to receive slightly greater weight in the selection process.*
5. **COACHING STAFF.** *Only schools with a coach or coaches currently in place, or soon to be named will be considered. Selection of a coaching staff should be considered the first priority when submitting your application.*
6. **PROMPTNESS** *in returning the application form. Applications received after the deadline are placed on "stand-by" status. They will only receive consideration after all other criteria have been applied to on-time applicants, and usually only if there are openings in the roster.*

Every year our call for applications is met with a rather large response and, regrettably, we cannot accept every school that applies. We encourage any school that might not be accepted this year to continue to apply for consideration in future years. Historically, interested applicant schools have been accepted to compete once every two to three years depending on the number of new applicants, however it is important to understand that out of fairness to all potential applicants this arrangement **CANNOT** be guaranteed regardless of your school's past competition history and/or track record.