



## NACSW Convention 2013 – Frequently Asked Questions

### REGISTRATION:

**Who can attend the 2013 Convention?** *The NACSW Convention is a good fit for social work practitioners, social work educators, social work students, church ministry staff, and those interested in social work and social change.*

**What does my registration fee include?** *The full convention registration includes attendance at all plenary sessions, coffee breaks, workshops, the opening reception, and the Saturday evening banquet. One day registrations for Friday or Saturday include all plenary sessions, coffee breaks, and workshops for the day you've registered (but does not include the Saturday evening banquet).*

**How can I register? What are the registration rates?** *You can register online at <http://www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventpro.cgi> or by downloading the registration form and mailing it in. Convention 2013, registration rates will be as follows:*

Registration Rates:	NACSW Member	Non-Member
Full registration <i>(Does not include Preconvention Training Institutes)</i>	<b>\$228</b>	<b>\$300</b> <i>(Non-member rate includes ½ year membership in NACSW)</i>
One day only <i>(Does not include banquet)</i>	<b>\$114</b>	<b>\$150</b> <i>(Non-member rate includes ½ year membership in NACSW)</i>
Banquet Only <i>(Note: Full registration already includes banquet)</i>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>
Preconvention Training Institute: Full-day sessions (Thursday, October 17, 2013)	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$90</b>
Preconvention Training Institute: Half-day session (Thursday, October 17, 2013)	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$48</b>

**Will I be refunded if I have to cancel my registration fee?** *If your reservation is canceled prior to the Early Bird Registration Date of September 27, 2013, you will be refunded all but a \$25 processing fee. If you cancel your registration after September 27, 2013, NACSW is unable to refund your registration.*

**Will I receive a confirmation of my registration and payment?** *If you register online at <http://www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventpro.cgi> and in the process provide us with your email address, you will immediately receive an e-mail confirming your registration. A second email will follow within a few days with a payment receipt attached. If you register by mail, a confirmation and receipt will be emailed to you within a few days, or mailed to you if you did not provide an email address.*

**I am not a member of NACSW but my co-worker is and cannot attend. Can I use their membership to register at the member rate?** *Membership rates apply only to the individuals who hold the membership. You can register at the non-member rate and take advantage of the six month free membership included in the price, or join NACSW for one year and register at the discounted member rate.*

**My agency is an organizational member of NACSW. Can I register at the member rate?** *Organizational members can register up to four agency staff members at the discounted membership rate. Please check with your agency about informing NACSW which organizational staff member will be receiving organizational membership registration discounts.*

**My agency is paying for my attendance at the convention and I need an invoice from NACSW. How do I get an invoice?** *If you require an invoice to have payment processed by your agency, please contact NACSW directly at 888-426-4712 or*

[info@nacsw.org](mailto:info@nacsw.org). An invoice will be e-mailed or mailed to you depending on your preference. Once you have requested an invoice, you may complete your registration online leaving the payment area blank.

**Are reduced conference registration rates available?** *If you are retired or experiencing a financial hardship that makes it difficult for you to attend the convention, you may be eligible for a reduced conference registration rate. Contact the NACSW office at [info@nacsw.org](mailto:info@nacsw.org) to request a reduced registration rate. Please do not complete your online registration until you have received confirmation from the NACSW office that you have been approved for a reduced registration rate.*

## TRANSPORTATION:

**I will have a car at the convention. Where can I park and is there a charge?** *Overnight parking is available for hotel guests at a discounted rate of \$9 per night (self parking).*

**Will transportation be provided during the convention?** *Hotel accommodations and convention meetings are all conveniently located in the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, therefore no transportation is required.*

**I am flying to the convention, how can I get to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel?** *The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is just 15 minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and two blocks from the MARTA public transportation system [www.itsmarta.com/](http://www.itsmarta.com/).*

## HOUSING:

**What hotel has been reserved? What are the rates?** *Rooms have been reserved at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel (165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303) for \$119 per night plus taxes. The cost of the room remains \$119 per night whether there is one person registered, or whether you choose to share the \$119/night cost between up to three additional persons. All convention sessions will be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.*

**Can I make my hotel reservation now?** *Hotel reservations can be made immediately by contacting the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel (165 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303) at 800-833-8624. You should mention that you are affiliated with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work to receive the discounted rate. Room reservations must be made by September 25, 2013 at 5:00pm to guarantee the convention room rate of \$119 per night. A limited number of rooms are available, so book early!*

**Will I be refunded if I have to cancel my hotel room reservation?** *Deposits paid by guests are refundable if notice is received by Hotel at least 3 days prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained.*

**I would like to share a room with someone at the convention, but I do not know anyone who needs a roommate.** *NACSW keeps a list of people who contact the office indicating that they are looking for a roommate and will (with permission) share these e-mail addresses with others also looking for a roommate. It is up to individual registrants to contact others on this list to make arrangements for sharing a room together.*

**Is there internet access at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel?** *The hotel provides complimentary access in the lobby on the 3rd floor. There is Wireless High Speed Internet Access in all guest rooms for \$12.95 per day. There is **NO** access to complimentary internet access in the workshop rooms. If you plan to use internet in your workshop presentation you are responsible for purchasing internet access in your workshop room through the hotel's AV company, Tech Rentals Inc.*

## EVENING EVENTS:

**What is the Thursday Night Opening Reception?** *Following the convention opening session featuring keynote speaker Elisabeth Omilami and an interpretive movement performance by Dr. Laurel Shaler, enjoy refreshments and snacks with first time attendees and seasoned NACSW members while browsing Poster Presentations and speaking with exhibitors. Convention attendees will have the opportunity to meet one another and reconnect with old friends.*

**What is the Saturday Night Banquet?** *The Banquet is a favorite event of convention attendees. In addition to enjoying a delicious meal, attendees will be entertained by Steve "Left-hand" Lewis and hear from Leroy Barber, President of Mission Year and CEO of FCS Urban Ministries in Atlanta.*

**What night is open for exploring Atlanta?** *There are currently no scheduled events after 6pm on Friday evening. Please enjoy the city of Atlanta. Visit [www.atlanta.net/50fun/](http://www.atlanta.net/50fun/) for more information about attractions in the area. To find out more about Atlanta's Public Transportation system, visit their website [www.itsmarta.com/](http://www.itsmarta.com/)*

## **SPOUSE/GUEST AND YOUTH:**

**Can I buy additional individual tickets to the Banquet? What is the cost?** *Additional tickets can be purchased for the Saturday Evening Banquet at the cost of \$50 each.*

**I am bringing my family with me. Will there be activities for them to enjoy in Atlanta?** *There are lots of things to do in Atlanta. The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel is a 10-20 minute walk from the Georgia Aquarium, Underground Atlanta, Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coca-Cola, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Center, and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. For more area attractions, go to [www.atlanta.net/50fun/](http://www.atlanta.net/50fun/).*

## **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:**

**How do I register as a student volunteer?** *To register online or to download a form to register as a student volunteer, simply go to: <http://www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventpro.cgi>. From here you will be able to complete your registration as well as indicate your preferred day for volunteering.*

**What should I expect as a student volunteer?** *In exchange for a 65% discount on your registration rate, as a student volunteer, you will spend 4-6 spend hours at the convention providing assistance with tasks essential in helping the convention run smoothly. You will be assigned tasks such as monitoring workshops, helping with set-up and take-down, or assisting with registration. The success of the conference relies on volunteers, so NACSW depends on student volunteers being responsible in fulfilling their volunteer assignments.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Can I receive Continuing Education Contact hours (CEUs) at the 2013 Convention?** *CEUs are available to convention participants for workshops and plenary sessions. Payment for CEUs (\$40) can be made with your registration payment. Attendees can earn 19.5 hours for attending a preconvention institute, all workshops, and all plenary sessions. CEUs are approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), which is widely recognized in the US and Canada. It is important to note, however, that final authority for approving any continuing education activity rests with the state or province in which the participant is licensed.*

**I would like to attend the 2013 Convention, but unfortunately my budget does not allow it. Is there a reduced rate available?** *Limited reduced-rate registrations are available for individuals who are retired or who are experiencing a financial hardship. Please submit a request via email ([info@nacsw.org](mailto:info@nacsw.org)) or in writing to NACSW at PO Box 121, Botsford, CT 06404.*

**What is the dress code?** *Dress for the NACSW convention varies. Most attendees wear business casual clothing. Some attendees choose to wear more formal attire to the Saturday Evening Banquet.*

**Will all convention programming be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel?** *All preconvention, plenary, and workshop sessions will be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel (165 Cortland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303).*

**Where can I find a convention schedule?** *Click here to access a copy of the convention schedule: <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/Schedule2013.pdf>*

**Where can I find a list of the workshops being presented at the 2013 Convention?** *A workshop list will be available in June 2013. At that time you will be able to access the list from the NACSW website.*

**Where can I eat while at the 2013 Convention?** *The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel offers two restaurants and a convenient deli. There are also a number of eateries within walking distance of the hotel.*

**My question is not here. Who should I contact?** *Please contact [info@nacsw.org](mailto:info@nacsw.org) with additional questions.*