

NACSW Convention 2014 – Frequently Asked Questions

REGISTRATION:

Who can attend the 2014 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 2014, registration rates will be as follows:*

Registration Rates:	NACSW Member	Non-Member
Full registration <i>(Does not include Preconvention Training Institutes)</i>	\$232	\$305 <i>(Non-member rate includes ½ year membership in NACSW)</i>
One day only <i>(Does not include banquet)</i>	\$115	\$155 <i>(Non-member rate includes ½ year membership in NACSW)</i>
Banquet Only <i>(Note: Full registration already includes banquet)</i>	\$50	\$50
Preconvention Training Institute: Full-day sessions (Thursday, November 6, 2014)	\$80	\$95

Will I receive a refund if I have to cancel my registration fee? *If your reservation is canceled prior to the Early Bird Registration Date of October 17, 2014, you will be refunded all but a \$25 processing fee. If you cancel your registration after October 17, 2014, 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>, 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.*

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 members 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. 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 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? *No-cost self parking is available for hotel guests on a first-come, first served basis. Valet parking is not available.*

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

I am flying to the convention, how can I get to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis?

- *Baltimore/Washington International Airport is 18 miles (approx. 25 minutes) from the hotel. Limousines (about \$58), Super Shuttle(about \$38) , and taxis (about \$60) are options.*
- *Washington National Airport is 30 miles (approx. 45 minutes) from the hotel.*
- *Washington Dulles International Airport is 45 miles (approx. 75 minutes) from the hotel.*

HOUSING:

What hotel has been reserved? What are the rates? *Rooms have been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis (210 Holiday Court • Annapolis, MD 21401) 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 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis.*

Can I make my hotel reservation now? *Hotel reservations can be made immediately by contacting the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis (210 Holiday Court • Annapolis, MD 21401) at 410-224-3150. 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 October 22, 2014 at midnight 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? *Guests must cancel 24 hours prior to their arrival date to avoid a one-time charge of room and tax.*

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 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis? *The hotel provides complimentary guest room wireless access. If you plan to use internet in your workshop presentation you are responsible for purchasing internet access in your workshop room.*

EVENING EVENTS:

What is the Thursday Night Opening Reception? *Following the convention opening session featuring keynote speaker Shane Claiborne and musical performance by the All Children's Chorus of Annapolis, 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 Friday Night Panel Presentation? *This panel presentation includes executive directors from NASW, CSWE, and NACSW and will address ways that social work associations can work together to promote increased spiritual and religious sensitivity and competency within the social work profession.*

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 a Salvation Army band and hear from Sister Simone Campbell, Executive Director of NETWORK in Washington, DC.*

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 Annapolis? *There are lots of things to do in Annapolis. The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis is within walking distance of Annapolis Towne Centre and its shopping and dining options. A short ride via the hotel's complementary shuttle takes you to Historic Annapolis and the waterfront. Annapolis is also close to Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore/Washington International. Visit www.visitannapolis.org/explore/top-10-things-to-do/ to learn more.*

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

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 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.*

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/cqi-bin/eventpro.cgi>. From here you will be able to complete your registration as well as indicate your preferred day for volunteering.*

How do I find out more about being a student volunteer? *To find out more about being a student volunteer, go to our [student volunteer webpage](#).*

MISCELLANEOUS

Can I receive Continuing Education Contact hours (CEUs) at the 2014 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 20.5 hours for attending a pre-convention 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.*

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 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis? *All pre-convention, plenary, and workshop sessions will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis (201 Holiday Court • Annapolis, MD 21401).*

Where can I find a convention schedule? *Click here to access a copy of the convention schedule: <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/Schedule2014.pdf>*

Where can I find a list of the workshops being presented at the 2014 Convention? *A workshop list will be available in June 2014. At that time you will be able to access the list from the NACSW website.*

Where can I eat while at the 2014 Convention? *The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis offers an onsite restaurant, and a café to get coffee and quick food items on the go. 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 with additional questions.*