

NACSW Convention 2020 – Student Frequently Asked Questions

When?

NACSW Convention 2020 will be held November 5th – 8th 2020

Where?

NACSW Convention 2020 will be held in Reston, Virginia at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston VA., 20191

What?

The theme of NACSW Convention 2020 is:

“Unity in the Face of Adversity: Building a World of Love and Justice”

Psalm 133

¹How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!

Special Track: *Political Social Work and Faith*

REGISTRATION

How do I sign up to be a student volunteer? You can print a form or register online to be a student volunteer at NACSW’s Convention 2020 in Virginia by going to the convention [registration page](#). Submit your completed application and payment to NACSW online by October 16, 2020.

The registration rates for students are:

- \$115 Non-member Rate (includes 6-month NACSW membership at no additional cost)
- \$95 Member Rate (applies to current individual members of NACSW)

These registration rates include attendance to all convention workshop sessions, plenary sessions and banquet, but not preconvention institutes.

EXPECTATIONS

The success of the conference depends on volunteers!!!

What should I expect as a student volunteer? As a volunteer you can expect to spend some of your time (six to ten hours) at the convention helping the conference run smoothly. You will be assigned tasks such as monitoring

workshops, helping with set-up and take-down, or assisting with registration, etc. NACSW depends on its student volunteers to be responsible in fulfilling their volunteer assignments.

I just signed up as a student volunteer—now what? *About two weeks before the convention you will receive an email from NACSW with a link to an online posting of your convention volunteer schedule and assignment(s).*

How can I avoid a conflict if I am scheduled to volunteer at the same time I am presenting a workshop or poster session? *If you are involved in presenting a workshop or poster session, please note that on your student volunteer application so that you are not scheduled to volunteer during that time.*

ACCOMMODATIONS/PLANNING

Where can I stay? *The conference is held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston VA 20191. Hotel reservations can be completed [online](#) or call 1 703 620 9000. 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 16, 2020 to guarantee the convention room rate of \$129 per night. Rooms are subject to availability. You may choose to share the \$129/night cost between up to three additional roommates (\$130 for three and \$140 for four) if you know of other convention participants who are interested in rooming with you.*

What should I bring? *Dress at the conference is business casual. You may want to bring comfortable shoes for walking if you plan to take a side trip in Virginia. You will need to bring spending money for your meals, and you may want to bring snacks and things to do in your downtime. The hotel provides complimentary internet access in the guest rooms.*

Are meals provided? *Dinner on Saturday evening is included in the full convention registration, as is a light reception on Thursday evening and a continental breakfast break on Friday and Saturday morning. All other meals are your responsibility. There are restaurants in the hotel.*

How much money should I bring? *How much money you should bring depends on your eating and spending habits. Things such as dining in a hotel can be more expensive, but less expensive options will be available nearby. Also, remember to budget money for any excursions in Virginia and DC.*

MORE INFO

If I decide not to come, will I receive a refund? *If requested, you will receive a full refund, minus a \$25 processing fee, through October 16th, 2020. No refunds can be offered after October 16th 2020.*

What if I have more questions about being a student volunteer? *If you have additional questions about being a student volunteer, please contact the NACSW office at convention@nacs.org or 888-426-4712.*