

## NACSW Convention 2015 – Student Frequently Asked Questions

### When?

NACSW Convention 2015 will be held November 12-15, 2015

### Where?

NACSW Convention 2015 will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, located at 187 Monroe Avenue NW ([www.amwaygrand.com](http://www.amwaygrand.com)).

### What?

The theme of NACSW Convention 2015 is  
“Pursuing Shalom: Serving Our Neighbors Locally and Globally,”  
with a special track on Forgiveness.

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## REGISTRATION

**How do I sign up to be a student volunteer?** You can register online to be a student volunteer at NACSW’s Convention 2015 in Grand Rapids by going to <http://www.nacsw.org/cgi-bin/eventPro.cgi> or print a form at <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/2015StudentRegistration.pdf>. Submit your completed application and payment to NACSW online by October 23, 2015.

The registration rates for students are:

- \$105 Non-member Rate (includes 6-month NACSW membership at no additional cost)
- \$90 Member Rate (applies to current individual members of NACSW only)

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

## EXPECTATIONS

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*The success of the conference depends on volunteers!!!*

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**What should I expect as a student volunteer?** As a volunteer you can expect to spend some of your time (up to six hours) at the convention providing assistance to help 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. The success of the conference depends on volunteers, so NACSW expects 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 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI). For reservations, call 1-800-253-3590 and identify yourself as being with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW). Rooms are \$120 per night plus taxes. You choose to share the \$120/night cost between up to three additional roommates if you know of other convention participants who are interested in rooming with you.*

**Are there any student housing options on local campuses?** *A limited number of opportunities are available for rooming on a nearby campus with a student at Kuyper College, Cornerstone University, or Calvin College. Transportation will be worked out between the student volunteer and the students/social work programs offering the accommodations. If you are interested in exploring this option, please contact the following directly:*

- *Kuyper College: Greg Scott – [gscott@kuyper.edu](mailto:gscott@kuyper.edu)*
- *Cornerstone University: Nola Carew – [nola.carew@cornerstone.edu](mailto:nola.carew@cornerstone.edu)*
- *Calvin College: Joe Kuilema – [kuilema@calvin.edu](mailto:kuilema@calvin.edu)*

**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 Grand Rapids. You will need to bring spending money for your meals (dinner on Saturday is provided), 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 convention registration, as is a light reception on Thursday evening and a continental breakfast break on Friday and Saturday morning. All other meals are on your own. There are restaurants in the hotel. In addition, there are restaurants within walking distance of the hotel where students can purchase meals.*

**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. Depending on the amount of time you will be at the conference, you will need to budget money for most meals except those listed above. Also, remember to budget money for any excursions in Grand Rapids.*

## 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 23, 2015. No refunds can be offered after October 23, 2015.*

**What if I have more questions about being a student volunteer?** *If you have questions about being a student volunteer please contact the NACSW office at [info@nacsw.org](mailto:info@nacsw.org) or 888-426-4712.*