

NACSW Onsite Convention 2023 – Student Frequently Asked Questions

When?

NACSW Convention 2023 will be held November 9 – 12th, 2023

Where?

NACSW Convention 2023 will be held in Pittsburgh, PA at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

What?

The theme of NACSW Convention 2023 is: "Leading the Brokenhearted Towards Healing"

Bridging Divides

Jeremiah 30:17

¹⁷ For I will restore health to you," and your wounds I will heal, "declares the Lord,
Because they have called you and outcast:

"It is Zion. For whom no one cares!"

Special Track: Embedded Police Social Workers (new track)

REGISTRATION

**How do I sign up to be a student volunteer onsite? You can <u>register online</u> or by downloading the <u>onsite</u> <u>student volunteer registration form</u> and mailing it in with your payment. Submit your completed online or hard copy application and payment to NACSW online by October 20, 2023.

The onsite registration rates for students are:

- \$126 Non-member Rate (includes 6-month NACSW membership at no additional cost)
- \$105 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						
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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 workshop presenters with technology, 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 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Hotel reservations can be completed online (link forthcoming) or call – (412) 922.8400. Mention that you are affiliated with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) to receive the discounted rate. Room reservations must be made by 12:00 AM local time Friday, October 13, 2023 to guarantee the convention room rate of \$139 per night, plus applicable state and local tax. Rooms are subject to availability. You may choose to share the \$139/night cost if you know of other convention participants who are interested in rooming with you. This \$139 room per night rate applies to rooms whether they are occupied by 1,2,3 or up to 4 guests.

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 into the city. The hotel is just off I-376, 15 minutes from Pittsburgh International Airport and 5 miles from Downtown Pittsburgh attractions including Heinz Field, home to the Pittsburgh Steelers. The hotel provides complimentary internet access in the guest rooms and lobby area.

Are meals provided? Dinner on Saturday evening is included in the full convention registration, as is a light reception on Thursday evening and a breakfast break on Friday and Saturday morning. All other meals are your responsibility. There are restaurants in the hotel, Asado Urban Grill offers a homestyle breakfast buffet with a seasonally changing menu. Champions Club sports bar features bar favorites, salads, and steaks. Grab Starbucks and snacks at Bistro & Marketplace.

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 Pittsburgh.

MORE INFO

If I decide not to come, will I receive a refund? If requested, you will receive a full refund, minus a \$30 processing fee, through October 20th, 2023. No refunds can be offered after October $20^{th}2023$.

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@nacsw.org or 888-426-4712.

If you are not able to travel to the Pittsburgh area for this year's convention, we will also be offering a <u>virtual convention option</u> for students during these same dates.