

MASC 2025 Winter Leadership Conference

Registration Checklist

Registration for MASC events is an on-line process that gathers the information about your school's delegation required by MASC and those involved with planning and hosting. It is also required to satisfy state/local safety and security regulations. Accuracy of all information is critical. ***If you do not receive a confirmation email within minutes of submitting your online registration, contact the MASC Registrar.***

MEMBERSHIP and COST – *Winter Leadership Conference* is open to MASC member schools ***only***. Cost is **\$30 per registrant**. (Note: Cost for *Presenters* is \$25. Do not register *Presenters* until you have been notified by MASC.)

DELEGATION SIZE – Schools may register a delegation of as many students as would like to attend. We recommend no more than 20 students per advisor. All students will be registered as *Delegates* or *MASC Ex.Bd.* All adults will be registered as *Advisors*. (Advisors of *Presenters* will be notified specifically by MASC.)

ATTENDING ADVISOR – All students **must have an attending advisor**. This is typically the school's SGA advisor, but in situations where the SGA advisor is unable to attend, the principal may approve another adult employee of the school or system to be the attending advisor. Please refer to the FAQ document [here](#) or your regional advisor if you have questions about this requirement.

~~~~~ Change in Online Registration ~~~~~

Due to the overlap of registration periods for Convention and Winter Leadership, registration for Winter Leadership will be different. Our usual online system is only able to manage one event at a time.

Follow the directions that follow carefully!

- Before** you register on-line, be sure you have done the following:
 - Resolved all balances for past events. The MASC Executive Board established a policy that registration for MASC events will not be confirmed from schools with unresolved financial obligations from past events.
 - Noted all dates, deadlines, and fees.
 - Received approval from your administration to participate.
 - Determined whether your school's payment will be by credit card or by check.
 - Confirmed the participation and permissions for each student in your delegation, as required by your school and/or district.
 - If you will not be the attending advisor, you have arranged for a substitute approved by your principal to supervise your delegation at the event.
 - Used the ***Registration Worksheet*** to be sure that you have the correct spelling of names and the requested information for each registrant. You are the only one entering this data. Nametags, lists, and other reports will show your information exactly as you type it in. Do **not** submit the ***Registration Worksheet*** to the MASC registrar.
- On-line registration is the sole responsibility of the school advisor *whether personally attending or not*. **Do not delegate this to a student**. Follow the on-line instructions carefully.
- Use the link that will be available at <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/winter-conference/>
- Follow the prompts in the online form to enter the data for your delegation.
- Once you have submitted your information, your ***Registration Report/Invoice*** will be emailed to you. ***This will take up to 48 hours.***

- ❑ When you receive your **Registration Report/Invoice**, review it carefully and print it out. This document **must be signed by your principal** and **submitted by email**. *Registration cannot be confirmed without this signed authorization.* If any corrections need to be made on your invoice, contact the MASC Registrar immediately at <wayne.perry@mdstudentcouncils.org>.
- ❑ **Electronic Submission Required** –A scan/photo of the *Registration Report/Invoice*, signed by the principal, must be submitted by email to the MASC Registrar no later than 11:59 PM on **Friday, January 17**. **Please do not mail** the *Registration Report/Invoice* as in other years. NOTE: If your school is paying by check, it is helpful to enclose an unsigned copy, but it’s not required. You must still email a signed copy.
- ❑ **Payment for MASC event registration is made by the school, not individual students**. Do not send cash or personal checks. If students are responsible for all or part of the cost, their payments must be processed by the school. The school then pays MASC using a credit card or by mailing a school/district check. Follow the instructions in your *Registration Confirmation Email* to complete credit card payment. If you indicated you are paying by check and wish to change the payment method to credit card, contact the registrar and an electronic invoice can be sent. **Remember, there is no specific deadline for payment. Just get the invoice signed, scanned, and emailed no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, January 17, then process payment!**
- ❑ **Do not mail in the Participant Emergency Information forms**. Check them for accuracy, completion, and the appropriate signatures, alphabetize, and turn them in when you check-in at the event. Make sure that the *MASC Emergency Form* is also completed for each adult.
- ❑ **Refunds:** When you complete on-line registration, you have committed your school for the resulting invoice amount. MASC makes financial commitments based on this information. After the submission deadline of **Friday, January 17**, much of the money expected has been encumbered or spent. **Any requests for cancellations and refunds of fees after the submission deadline must be submitted to and approved by the MASC Executive Director**.
- ❑ **Changes to Registrations** – Once you have submitted your on-line registration, any changes must be emailed to the MASC Registrar as soon as possible (see email address below). **IMPORTANT: Substitutions will be accepted up to check-in at the event at no additional cost.**

Monday, December 16	On-Line Registration Opens	Go to the Winter Leadership Conference page at https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/winter-conference/ , review the information there and use the link provided for online registration.
Wednesday, January 15	On-Line Registration Closes (11:59 PM)	Registration after this date must be approved by the MASC Executive Director. A Late Fee* may apply.
Friday, January 17	Submission Deadline (11:59 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scan/photo of the Registration Report/Invoice signed by your principal must be emailed to the MASC Registrar no later than this date. • Begin processing payment immediately. There is no specific deadline for payment. • Registration Report/Invoices submitted after this date will require permission from the MASC Exec. Director. • Last day for cancellations and refunds.*
Saturday, January 25	MASC 2025 Winter Leadership Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) advisor and one (1) student delegation leader comes to On-Site Check-In. All other attendees proceed as directed by the host staff.

*Any appeal of policies, deadlines, or fees must be directed to the MASC Executive Director who will then inform the registrar. The MASC Registrar does not have authority to grant appeals.

Email signed invoices and direct any questions or changes to Wayne Perry, MASC Registrar, at wayne.perry@mdstudentcouncils.org

Suggested Plan to Make Registration Easy!

Here is a timeline with ideas collected from advisors across the state that will help you meet all of the registration responsibilities and deadlines easily...and avoid any fees or penalties!

<p><u>Prior</u> to on-line registration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the event registration documents at the MASC website, https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/Winter Leadership Conference/ where you can review and/or download the information. • Secure permission from your school and/or district administration to participate in this event. • Begin the process to arrange for approved transportation for your delegation. For many schools, this requires coordination with the regional advisor. • Determine which students will make-up your school's delegation. • Create and distribute a cover letter from you with additional forms/materials that are required by MASC and/or your school/district. The cover letter should include necessary information about the event for the student and their family. Establish a deadline date for returning the form(s) as close to the opening of on-line registration as practical. • When you have received all of the forms from all of your students, be sure that each is authorized by your administration to participate. Policies regarding this vary widely across the state. • Use the Registration Worksheet and fill in all the information you've gathered from your students.
<p><u>ASAP</u> before online registration closes <i>Wednesday, Jan. 15</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to on-line registration by clicking on the link posted at https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/winter-conference/ and register your delegation. • Wait up to 48 hours to receive your Registration Report/Invoice. Print out this document, and obtain the signature of your principal/designee. • Submit the signed Registration Report/Invoice electronically by emailing a scan or photo of the signed form to the MASC Registrar. • Immediately arrange for payment of the amount on the Registration Report/Invoice according to the procedures established by your school/district. Payment must be an official school/district check, or credit card transaction according to the instructions in your Registration Confirmation Email. • If you do not receive a Registration Confirmation Email, first contact your IT specialist in your school. Your IT specialist should know what to do. Invite that individual to contact the MASC Registrar.
<p><u>No later than</u> <i>Friday Jan 17</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have not already emailed your <u>signed</u> Registration Report/Invoice to the registrar, do so before the submission deadline of Friday, January 17. • Do not submit the Participant Emergency Information form. Keep them to be submitted at check-in at the event.
<p><u>Prior</u> to <i>Saturday, Jan. 25</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with necessary preparations for your delegation's participation. • Just prior to the event, you will receive instructions on how to retrieve your Check-In Form. Review it carefully and follow the instructions provided. You will bring this form to On-Site Check-in at the event.