

MASC 2025 Convention 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 – Convention is for MASC member schools **ONLY**. You will not be able to register for convention until all 3 steps of the application process are completed: 1) Online application, 2) Submission of application signed by the principal (or designee), 3) Payment of dues.

DELEGATION ROLES –

- Each student must be registered as either a *Delegate* or *MASC Ex.Bd.*
- Schools may register an unlimited number of *Delegates* not to exceed the 10 students per 1 adult ratio for appropriate supervision.
- All attending adults will register as *Advisor*.

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. MASC strongly advises that any advisor be responsible for no more than 10 students.

COST – Since housing will no longer be managed by MASC, there is a single convention fee of **\$285 for each attendee** regardless of role. **There is a \$20 “early bird” discount if you register no later than January 10 and pay by February 7.**

Before you register on-line, be sure you have done the following:

- Finalized MASC membership for your school.
 - Resolved any balances for past events.
 - Noted all dates, deadlines, and fees.
 - Received approval from your school and district (if required) administration to register a delegation for the event.
 - Arranged for a substitute approved by your principal if you will not be the attending advisor.
 - Confirmed the participation and permission of each student in your delegation, as required by your school and/or district.
 - Used the ***Registration Worksheet*** to be sure that you have the correct spelling of names and the requested information for each registrant.
- 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.
- The *Registration Report/Invoice* attached to your confirmation email when you submit your registration **must be signed by your principal** and **submitted by email**. Registration cannot be confirmed without this signed authorization.

CRITICAL: *A confirmation email is sent immediately after submitting your online registration. If you don't find it in your inbox:*

- Check your trash/junk/spam folders for the <no-reply@goformz.com> address. Also, be aware that some email platforms have various labels for legit inboxes such as “Updates,” “Social,” etc. Check in those too.
- There may be a time delay that your email system uses. Check for it again in a couple hours.
- If you have waited and searched and still can't find your “Registration Confirmation” email, first contact your IT specialist in your school. Sometimes email servers will block certain email address domains. Your IT specialist should know what to do. Invite that individual to contact the MASC Registrar 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 **Monday, February 10**. **Please do not mail** the *Registration Report/Invoice*. Delivery of US Mail has become less timely. NOTE: If your school is paying by check, it’s helpful but not required to enclose an unsigned 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.
- ❑ **Do not mail in the *Participant Emergency Information* or *Delegate Contract* 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 **Monday, February 10**, 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.*

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| Sunday, December 1 | On-Line Registration Opens | Go to the Convention page at https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/Convention/ , review the information there and use the link provided for online registration. |
| Friday, January 10 | Last day for Early Registration Discount | Convention fee is \$285 <u>after</u> this date. |
| Friday, February 7 | *On-Line Registration Closes (11:59 PM) | Any registration after this date must be approved by the MASC Executive Director |
| | *Payment or PO due for Early Registration Discount | Payment or a purchase order must be received by this date in order to qualify for the early registration discount. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the discount being removed from the invoice. |
| Monday, February 10 | Submission Deadline (11:59 PM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scan/photo of the <i>Registration Report/Invoice</i> signed by your principal must be emailed to the MASC Registrar no later than this date. • Begin processing payment immediately. • <i>Registration Report/Invoices</i> submitted after this date will require approval from the MASC Exec. Director. • Last day for cancellations and refunds.* |
| Tuesday-Thursday, March 11 - 13 | MASC 2025 Convention | <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 or exceptions.

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!

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| <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/convention/ 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. Use the sample family letter provided at https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/convention/. • 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 Friday, Feb 7</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the on-line registration site by clicking on the link posted at https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/convention/ and register your delegation. • Print the final Registration Report/Invoice attached to your confirmation email, 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> <u>Monday, Feb 10</u></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 Monday, February 10. • <u>Do not submit</u> the Participant Emergency Information forms or Delegate Contracts. Keep them together to be submitted at check-in at the event. MASC suggests that you copy these documents so that you have copies available at your hotel. |
| <p><u>Prior</u> to Tuesday, Mar 11</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. |