

2022 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE FAQs

Can we submit registration name changes? And when is the last day to submit name changes?

When registering, you may create an account that will allow you to make changes. Changes can be made up until the online registration deadline. If participant names are unknown when first registering, simply put “TBD”. (TBD = To Be Determined)

Can I get a registration reimbursement, if I cancel my registration?

Yes, as long as the cancellation occurs before July 1st. There will be a \$25 cancellation fee per each individual registration.

Will there be On-site Registration?

Yes. There will be on-site registration this year. However, it is highly recommended for all planning to attend to register online ahead of time, even if you plan to pay onsite, so badges may be prepared in advance.

Will I be able to get a refund if I don't show up?

No, registration will be forfeited with no future conference credit.

Can I attend the conference by myself, if I'm 18, without chaperone?

All youth participants ages 14-24 must be chaperoned.

Do advisors have to register?

Yes, all participants, including chaperones are required to have a name badge to access all sessions.

Is there a one-day registration fee?

No, there will not be a one day conference fee available.

Will masks be mandatory?

UNITY will follow CDC guidelines. Masks are recommended among those who are not vaccinated.

What are some of the Covid-19 protocols for this conference?

Social distancing will be encouraged during this event. There will be hand sanitizers widely available during this event. Masks are encouraged. Advisors! Please note, if someone begins to exhibit covid symptoms, they will be asked to self quarantine in their hotel rooms.

Are COVID-19 vaccines required to attend?

No, COVID-19 vaccines are not required for attendance. UNITY will abide by CDC guidelines for the duration of the conference. If you received a COVID-19 vaccine, you may consider keeping proof of your vaccination with you.

Can we pay a fee to attend just the banquet?

The banquet fee is included for each registration. If a registered attendee wishes to bring a guest, you can pay for an additional banquet ticket online.

Are Purchase Orders accepted when making registrations?

Yes, when registering please note the Purchase Order or indicate a pending purchase order. A purchase order will hold the current rate until payment is received for a fee of \$25 and must be paid within 60 days.

Is there a dress code for the conference?

Yes, casual to business casual. The dress code is similar to a school dress code.

How many people can stay in a room?

Rooms at the Hilton can accommodate up to 4 people (two double beds).

Will there be other host hotels with discounted rates?

No other host hotel will be available with a conference rate.

What if we plan to arrive a day or two early or stay extra days? Will hotel rooms be available at the conference rate prior to or after the conference?

There are limited hotel rooms available prior to and after the conference on a first come first served basis.

Will transportation be provided to and from the airport?

There is no free hotel shuttle service. You may try ride sharing apps like Uber or Lyft or Taxi service. Depending on the time of day, the cost one-way may be \$20 - \$30 depending on the type of vehicle you require.

How far from Minneapolis St. Paul International is the hotel/conference site?

The Hilton is approximately 9 miles from the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport.

Do I have to be in a UNITY affiliated youth council to attend the conference?

No, you are welcome to attend as an individual. We encourage all youth councils to find out how to become affiliated and take advantage of the benefits, otherwise you are welcome to attend as a group or individual, affiliated or not.

Are students under the age of 14 allowed to attend?

Yes, however, parents and advisors must consider whether topics and length of sessions are age appropriate.

Can I participate in the conference if I'm not a U.S. citizen?

Yes, you can participate in our conference, however, per the National UNITY Council Constitution and Bylaws, youth participants who wish to vote in the business meeting are required to be a U.S. citizen. You may be an observer if you are not a U.S. citizen.

What will the weather be like in Minneapolis, during the conference days?

The weather will be warm and humid with lows in the 60s and highs in the 80s.

I'm an Exhibitor. Will electrical power be available for my booth space?

Exhibitors and workshop presenters must specify ahead of time if they have any audio or visual needs. A charge may apply.

What will my workshop room be equipped with?

Chairs and a podium will be provided.

What are the parking fees?

Parking is available at the host hotel but it is a public parking garage. The daily parking rate is \$15. You will be expected to pay when leaving and re-entering the parking garage. For more information about hotel parking, you may contact the hotel at (612) 376-1000. The Minneapolis Convention Center is within walking distance. For those not staying at the host hotel, public parking is also available at the convention center at the following rates:

Early Bird (In before 8 am, out by 5 pm)	\$9
1 hour	\$5
3 - 6 hours	\$10
6 - 12 hours	\$15
12 - 24 hours	\$20
Lost Ticket	\$25

What are some fun things to do around the hotel in Minneapolis?

Attractions include:

Walker Art Center <https://walkerart.org>

Mall of America <https://www.mallofamerica.com>

Guthrie Theater <https://www.guthrietheater.org>

The Lynhall <https://www.thelynhall.com>

Will there be places to eat near the conference site?

The Hotel will offer indoor dining and grab and go options. There are some fast food places within walking distance but some are limited to weekday and business hours. The nearest mall, Nicollet Mall is 0.3 miles away, which offers fast food options.

Where can I go for medical help, if needed?

The Indian Health Board Medical & Dental Center is an Indian Health Service facility. It is located 1.7 miles away from the hotel. The number to the facility is (612) 721-9800. The nearest medical facility (non-IHS) to the hotel is the Hennepin Healthcare Center, which is 1 mile away.