



CENTRAL LINE: *The Official Newsletter of the Texas Nursing Students' Association*

Fall Convention Edition 2026

THE NEXT SHIFT STARTS HERE: *Learning, Leading, and Caring Together*

October 8-10, 2026, | Austin, Texas

WELCOME TO FALL CONVENTION

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

Convention is an opportunity to build leadership skills, gain professional experience, and connect with future colleagues from across Texas. Join nursing students from across Texas for an inspiring weekend of leadership, professional growth, advocacy, and networking. The 2026 Fall Convention offers opportunities to strengthen your skills, engage with nursing leaders, and help shape the future of TNSA.

Why Attend? Students attending the convention will participate in:

- **Leadership & Advocacy:** House of Delegates (HOD) sessions, Resolutions Hearings and Debate, Candidate Preparation and Elections and Opportunities to influence TNSA policy and leadership decisions
- **Professional Development and Networking:** Specialty nursing panels and education sessions, career center and walk, exhibitor expo, and networking opportunities with nurse leaders and employers

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- **Awards & Recognition:** Foundation Scholarship & TNSA Awards Dinner, recognition of student leaders, chapters, and scholarship recipients, and featured speaker presentation with grant opportunities
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■ CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Five-Specialty Nursing Panel
 - ✓ House of Delegates Sessions
 - ✓ Candidate Preparation & Meet the Candidates
 - ✓ Career Center, Walk and Exhibitor Expo
 - ✓ Scholarship & Awards Dinner
 - ✓ Featured Speakers including the Board of Directors
 - ✓ Networking with Nursing Students Across Texas
 - ✓ Austin Food, Music, and Culture
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■ Convention and Registration Information

<https://tnsa.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/152094-2026-tnsa-annual-convention>

Convention Location

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DoubleTree by Hilton Austin: Deadline for hotel: 9/18/2026

Please contact trisha.mims@gmail.com if after this deadline

6505 North Interstate Highway 35

Austin, Texas 78752 <https://tnsa.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/152094-2026-tnsa-annual-convention>

Full Schedule Link: [2026 TNSA Annual Convention! | The Texas Nursing Students Association | Nursing Network](#)

Convention at a Glance

Thursday, October 8

- Registration & Credentialing
- Delegate Basics
- House of Delegates Opening Session
- Parliamentary Procedure Update
- Resolutions Hearings & Debate
- Candidate Preparation Session
- Networking Pizza Social

Friday, October 9

- HOD/NEC Reports & Nominations

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- Resolutions Session
- President's and Advisor's Luncheons
- Career Walk & Exhibits
- Meet the Candidates
- Foundation Scholarship & Awards Dinner

Saturday, October 10

- Candidate Speeches
- Voting and Elections
- Educational Focus Sessions
- House of Delegates Business
- New Board of Directors Meeting

■ RUN FOR STATE OFFICE

Leadership starts with participation. Consider serving TNSA in a state leadership role and help guide the future of nursing student advocacy in Texas.

Candidate Checklist

- ☐ Attend Candidate Preparation Session

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- ☐ Submit [Candidate Intent Form](#)
 - ☐ Prepare Campaign Speech
 - ☐ Participate in Meet the Candidates
 - ☐ Campaign Professionally
 - ☐ Vote or Run for Office
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Important Candidate Events

Event	Time
Candidate Prep Session	Thursday, 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM
Meeting the Candidates	Friday, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Candidate Speeches	Saturday, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Voting	Saturday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Candidate Information

<https://tnsa.nursingnetwork.com/page/103205-election-documents>

 **RESOLUTIONS: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

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DEADLINE: September 25, 2026

[2026 Resolution Submission Form](#)

Resolutions allow students to advocate for meaningful change in healthcare, nursing education, and patient outcomes.

How to Submit

- Follow official TNSA format
- Include Whereas statements
- Include Resolved statements
- Meet submission deadlines
- Participate in hearings and debate sessions

Resolution Events

Event	Time
Parliamentary Procedure Update	Thursday, 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Resolutions Hearings & Debate	Thursday, 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM
Resolutions Session	Friday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Celebrate excellence during the annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner.

Featured Speaker: Earl Young, *Amplified Hope*

Join fellow nursing students for an inspiring evening celebrating achievement, leadership, and the future of nursing.

Recognition Categories

-  Outstanding Chapter Award
-  Leadership Excellence Award
-  Community Service Award
-  Faculty Advisor Award
-  TNSA Scholarship Recipients

Due Sept 30, 2026. Email the application and supporting documentation to: trisha.mims@gmail.com

Please see the attached handbook:

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TNSA AWARD HANDBOOK

EXPERIENCE AUSTIN

Take advantage of everything Austin has to offer while attending convention.

- Live music venues
 - Local coffee shops
 - Famous food trucks and BBQ
 - Walkable downtown attractions
 - Outdoor greenways and waterfront spaces
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The TNSA Fall Convention is more than a conference. It is an opportunity to develop as a leader, strengthen your professional network, advocate for the future of nursing, and represent nursing students across Texas.

We Look Forward to Seeing You in Austin!

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