

78TH ANNUAL MSNAACP
NAACP
Mississippi State Conference

THRIVING TOGETHER

STATE CONVENTION

REGISTRATION PACKET

November 2-4, 2023 | Hilton Jackson | 1001 E. County Line Road | Jackson, MS 39211



Greetings,

We are so excited to announce the 78th Annual MS State Conference Convention & Policy Institute during November 2-4, 2023 at the Hilton Jackson, located at 1001 E. County Line Road, Jackson, MS. The theme for this year's convention is "Thriving Together".

This year's Convention and Policy Institute will focus on pertinent and relevant issues and policies that address mental health, housing and economic empowerment, criminal justice, civic engagement and political action, and emergency preparedness. We will also feature a legislative training and panel. We are looking forward to hearing from experts and some amazing speakers during Religious Affairs Day, the Membership and Environmental Justice Luncheons, as well as the Freedom Fund Banquet. Our Youth & College Convention will be equally thought-provoking and engaging. The convention is designed to provide you with the guidance and tools needed to Make Democracy Work in Mississippi!

Register Today!!!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Jackson 1001 E. County Line Road Jackson, MS

How to Reserve Your Hotel Room

1. Call Hilton Jackson at (601) 957-2800.

2. Use the code **NAACP1** for group rate. Rooms are \$121.00/night for singles and doubles plus tax. Parking is free.

Alternatively, you may also use this link to make your reservation:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/janjhhf-naacp1-18b3f92b-acd4-41c0-ae75-b86260f9fb36/>

3. Give your information to the hotel representative, including but not limited to, name, address, phone number, and payment information.

***All reservations must be guaranteed at the time of booking with a valid credit card of one night's room and tax. Recommended credit cards or other forms of payment: valid American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa. Personal Checks will not be accepted.

Important Note

- Please reserve all rooms by October 9, 2023. An individual reservation not canceled 48 hours before the day of arrival will result in a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax charged to the credit card on file.
- Any guest with a guaranteed reservation that is a no-show on the scheduled date of arrival will result in a no show charge of one night's room and tax charged to the credit card on file.
- Check-in time begins at 4 p.m. and the check-out time is 11 a.m.

Registration Instructions

The following instructions will assist units and attendees with completing the Convention Registration Form. All completed forms (original copies) must be forwarded to the Mississippi State Conference NAACP Office with all monies owed. Payment can be made by check or money order.

Registration Deadlines

Early Registration: August 31, 2023

Final Registration: September 15, 2023

All registrations received after September 15, 2023 will be considered ON-SITE.

Please mail registration packages, cancellation, and refund requests to:

Mississippi State Conference NAACP

Attn: State Convention Registration

1072 John R. Lynch Street

Jackson, MS 39203

****REFUND POLICY****

NO refunds will be distributed during the annual Convention. All approved refunds will be returned within 2-3 weeks following the Convention. For your refund request to be considered, it must be presented in writing and mailed to MS NAACP, 1072 John R. Lynch Street, Jackson, MS 39203 post-marked no later than November 15, 2023.

****CANCELLATION POLICY****

Written cancellation requests in advance of the convention must be postmarked by October 16, 2023, and mailed to the MS NAACP post office box for consideration on an individual basis. Please note that a \$50 processing fee is required.

*****COVID-19 PROTOCOLS*****

The Mississippi State Conference NAACP will follow CDC protocols. You are encouraged, not required, to wear a mask during the Convention.

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Registration Form

Contact Information

Unit Name _____ Unit Number _____

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Registration Fees

Type	Cost	Quantity	Total
Branch Assessment Fee for Convention Each Unit must pay the Branch Assessment Fee in order to register delegates, alternates, observers, etc. for the State Convention.	\$100		
Adult Package - Early Registration Includes: Adult Registration, Thursday Luncheon, Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon, Freedom Fund Banquet Received by August 31, 2023	\$190		
Adult Package - Final Registration Includes: Adult Registration, Thursday Luncheon, Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon, Freedom Fund Banquet Received by September 15, 2023	\$220		
Adult Package - Late/On-Site Registration Includes: Adult Registration, Thursday Luncheon, Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon, Freedom Fund Banquet ***Please note this package is subject to change based on ticket availability. Received by September 16, 2023 or later	\$245		

Individual Tickets

Members may opt to purchase individual items instead of the package.

Type	Cost	Quantity	Total
Adult Registration Fee	\$40		
Late/On-Site Fee <i>Received by September 16, 2023 or later</i>	\$45		
Thursday Luncheon	\$40		
Late/On-Site Fee <i>Received by September 16, 2023 or later</i>	\$45		
Friday Luncheon	\$40		
Late/On-Site Fee <i>Received by September 16, 2023 or later</i>	\$45		
Saturday Luncheon	\$40		
Late/On-Site Fee <i>Received by September 16, 2023 or later</i>	\$45		
Freedom Fund Banquet (for members only)	\$60		
Late/On-Site Fee <i>Received by September 16, 2023 or later</i>	\$65		
Total Registration			\$
Souvenir Booklet Ads (for Branches only)	\$100		

Payment Type

Check # _____ **Money Order #** _____

Schedule At A Glance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Registration will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Religious Affairs Luncheon
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Housing/Economic Empowerment Workshop
4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Delegates Reception
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Memorial & Community Mass Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Registration will run from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Opening Plenary: Business Session
9:10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Health & Women In NAACP (WIN) Workshop
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Emergency Preparedness & Education Workshop
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Membership Luncheon
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Criminal Justice Workshop
3:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Get Out the Vote Workshop
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth & College Reception

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Registration will run from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Two: Business Session & Candidates Speeches
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Elections
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Legislative Training and Panel
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Environmental & Climate Justice Luncheon
2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Closing Plenary
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Sponsors Reception (for sponsors and award recipients only)
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	78th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet

YOUTH & COLLEGE CONVENTION | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration
9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Opening Session
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Workshop
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Workshop
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Youth & College Luncheon
1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Workshop
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Closing Plenary

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE NAACP Awards Form

Branches desiring to make a nomination for any State Conference Award should submit a letter of recommendation to the State Office no later than **Friday, September 15, 2023**. Please be sure that letters include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee, as well as the person making the nomination.

The awards are as follows:

- » **The Jerry Mauldin Corporate Award:** Awarded to the individual in the corporate community who has demonstrated concern for civic and community affairs.
- » **Goodman-Chaney-Schwerner Award:** Given to the individual, institution, or organization contributing most to the improvement of political power for all people.
- » **Vernon Dahmer Award:** Presented to the individual, organization, or institution contributing most to both youth and adult citizens of the African American community.
- » **The NAACP Legal Award:** Awarded to the attorney or judge who demonstrates or helps administer the NAACP legal program through litigations or ruling.
- » **Sam Bailey/Long Distance Runner Award:** Presented to the individual who has gone beyond the call of duty to improve conditions for the African American community.
- » **Fannie Lou Hamer Award:** Presented to the individual, institution, or organization demonstrating the most genuine care for those in need.
- » **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Given to the individual who volunteers their time to help carry out the mission and vision of the MS State Conference.
- » **The Medgar Evers Award:** Presented to the individual or organization contributing to uplifting the entire community. This award is named in memory of the late Medgar Evers who served tirelessly as the Mississippi Field Secretary.
- » **The Dr. Aaron Henry Lifetime Service Award:** Named in memory of the late Aaron Henry, civil rights leader who served tirelessly as the Mississippi State Conference President. This award is given to the individual selected by the State Conference President for outstanding statewide leadership.

Please be mindful that we will not accept any late applications, recommendations or supporting documentation. Again, the deadline to submit award nominations is **Friday, September 15, 2023**



Instructions to MS NAACP units for submitting resolutions for considerations by the state executive committee

A resolution submitted to the Mississippi State Conference Resolutions Committee is a formal request of the MS NAACP's Annual State Convention and Policy Institute to change or amend the programs or policies of the MS NAACP or to establish new policies. The resolution submitted for consideration should be written clearly, concisely, and specifically. The substance should be well-researched and must have been approved by a majority vote of the sponsoring unit.

Please note that hard copies (not faxed or electronic copies) of all resolutions must be received by the State President no later than August 1, 2023 in order to be considered by the Resolutions Committee. Only resolutions received prior to the State Convention will be considered by the Resolutions Committee. The Committee will review and may alter any resolution received in this process to ensure that it agrees with the Constitution and Bylaws and that the substance is new. Resolutions submitted for consideration by the Resolutions Committee are subject to recommendations or referral as the Committee deems necessary. Only resolutions which are recommended for concurrence by the Resolutions Committee will be put to discussion and a vote during the Plenary Session of the MS NAACP's Annual State Convention and Policy Institute.

Please note that all resolutions must have the original signature of the unit President and the unit Secretary. No other signatures are accepted. Include on the resolution **the date it was adopted by then general membership of the unit.** Only resolutions submitted by **units in compliance** will be considered by the Resolutions Committee.

The resolution will be ratified by the State Executive Committee at its January 2024 State Meeting.

Please mail your resolution to:

President Robert James
Attn: Resolution Team
Mississippi State Conference NAACP
1072 J.R. Lynch Street, Suite 10
Jackson, MS 39203



Hosting the MS STATE CONFERENCE NAACP CONVENTION

Please complete this form to submit your desire to host the Mississippi State Conference NAACP State Convention. The Branch unit must be in compliance. The host unit assumes the following responsibilities:

- work alongside the Conference State Convention Planning Committee
- assist with the securing of meeting and hotel facilities
- identify local business and sponsors for fundraising
- provide information regarding local elected officials, ministers and community leaders
- provide materials for registration kits
- identify local volunteers
- coordinate church for Thursday activities and the hospitality suite for Friday and Saturday nights
- make the local community NAACP conscious by promoting the annual convention, the Freedom Fund Banquet and providing entertainment for youth and adults on the opening night and throughout the convention
- purchase 25 Luncheon Tickets for each luncheon program and 100 Freedom Fund Banquet Tickets commit to fulfilling the capacity guidelines at the identified facility as indicated below:
 - Adequate parking
 - ADA accessible
 - No less than 150 hotel rooms
 - Banquet capacity for 350
 - Luncheon capacity for 150-200
 - Meeting room with 150 seat capacity
 - Meeting room with 300 seat capacity
 - Nightly hospitality room for after hours (three nights); stocked with food, beverages, board games.
 - Capacity to accommodate Youth and College Division to include Friday night reception, Saturday workshops and luncheon

Please fill in the blanks. Branch’s Agreement to host Convention:

_____ Branch agrees to host the _____ Annual MS State Conference Convention
(county and branch #) (year)

Branch President _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Branch Secretary _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Date Signed _____

Attach documented support from Tourism Board, City and County Elected Officials, etc. and return with this form to MS State Conference NAACP Secretary Monica McInnis at monicamcinnis@bellsouth.net by October 2023 State Meeting Date. You may also mail to: Mississippi State Conference NAACP, Attn: State Convention Committee, 1072 J.R. Lynch Street, Suite 10, Jackson, MS 39203.



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