Congratulations on your student’s acceptance to Texas A&M University!

The Office of New Student & Family Programs is here to support you and your student through their first year at A&M. We connect you to campus resources and services, serving as a central place for you to ask questions and voice concerns. With a mission to enrich your student’s experience, we value the opportunity to observe and be a part of your student’s growth and development, a process which begins during the New Student Conference.

The New Student Conference (NSC) is Texas A&M’s mandatory orientation program and provides an opportunity for you and your student to receive valuable information in the transition to Texas A&M. While the NSC is only mandatory for students, we invite family members to attend and participate in programs and services specifically designed for you. By participating, you will learn about the university’s academic programs, policies, facilities, and services. You play a vital role supporting your students’ transition to college life, therefore we hope you will attend the NSC with your student!

While all family members are welcome to attend, conference activities are not designed for the enjoyment of younger children. If possible, alternate arrangements are encouraged.

We look forward to formally welcoming you and your student to Texas A&M this summer! Visit newaggie.tamu.edu for more details regarding the NSC experience. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact our office, New Student & Family Programs. Consider us your first point of contact from your student’s acceptance throughout their first year!

The New Student Conference is a collaborative effort among the entire university, coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs housed in the Division of Student Affairs.

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New Student Conference Preparations

Registering as a Family Member or Guest

NSC Registration for Family Members & Guests (parents, guardians, spouses, siblings, etc.) is separate from the student registration process. Family and guest registration is required and can be done at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. Before registering, have your student’s UIN and confirmed conference date along with payment readily available. Please ensure you complete the form thoroughly and accurately before submitting.

Registration Deadlines and Costs:

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<td>Early Bird Registration (until 11:59 CST May 1, 2016)</td>
<td>$25 per Family Member (Age 18+)</td>
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<td>Regular Registration (May 2 – Four Days Prior to NSC Day 1)</td>
<td>$30 per Family Member (Age 18+)</td>
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<td>Late Registration: Online or On-Site (Within four days of NSC Day 1)</td>
<td>$35 per Family Member (Age 18+)</td>
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The conference registration charge covers materials for the conference, one meal, facilities costs, and staffing during the conference. There is no charge for children under 5 years old. The registration charge does not include NSC parking, overnight accommodations, or Howdy Lunch tickets. These arrangements must be made separately and are covered later in this insert.

Family Registration Payment Options and Refund Policy

Conference charges can be paid with a credit or debit card. If your student has qualified for and used a fee deferral with the Office of Admissions for New Student Conference fees, one adult family member per student may have their charge waived; any additional family members will incur the conference charges as listed.

To utilize the family registration charge waiver, complete the online family registration form and select the conference charge waiver button during payment. Then contact New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826 or aggiefamilies@tamu.edu. A past due payment will be listed on your account until you contact us by phone.

If you need to cancel your registration and request a refund you must contact us by phone at (979) 845-5826. A 50% refund will be provided up to 5 days prior to your scheduled conference Day 1. No refunds will be given for cancellations within 4 days prior to your scheduled conference Day 1.

NSC Parking

New Student Conference attendees should purchase a summer weekly or multiple daily permits, pay to park in a visitor facility, or August attendees can use their annual permit. ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on University property (other than pay by time visitor parking areas).

Specific details for NSC parking can be found on page 6 in the Freshman NSC Handbook. Please review your options carefully before purchasing an NSC parking permit.

The most convenient NSC Permit parking for Check-In is West Campus Garage or Lot 61. The most convenient NSC Permit parking for Housing Check-In is Lot 30.

More information regarding NSC Parking available at transport.tamu.edu/nsc

Download the TAMU NSC Mobile App

Available on the App Store and Google Play! It has everything you need for the NSC: schedule, checklists, event information and more.
**Overnight Accommodations**

Both days of the New Student Conference are mandatory; therefore, you will need overnight accommodations for at least one night. Costs for housing are not included in the student or family member registration fee and arrangements must be made separately. You may choose to stay on campus or off campus during your NSC.

**On-Campus Accommodations**

The Department of Residence Life invites you and your student to stay in on-campus conference housing. Conference housing will be available on the north side of campus. On-campus conference housing tends to fill quickly and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Room rates, registration, and more details for New Student Conference on-campus housing is online at newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/housing. Housing costs will be billed to the student’s account after the student and his or her family have checked out of housing.

Students and families staying in on-campus conference housing may check in to housing from 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on their Pre-Conference Day or any time on Day One of the conference at Hullabaloo Hall. New Student Conference on campus housing is NOT available for the August conference.

**Off-Campus Accommodations**

For accommodations in Bryan/College Station, please contact the Bryan/College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau at (979) 260-9898 or visitaggieiland.com for information on area hotels and motels.

**Guests with Disabilities**

The Office of New Student & Family Programs can coordinate reasonable accommodations for families to ensure access to facilities and information provided during the New Student Conference. If you have a disability that requires accommodations for the NSC, it is vital that you request these accommodations in advance.

Guests requesting disability accommodations for the New Student Conference (interpreting services, accessible seating, materials provided electronically in advance, etc.) should do so at least two weeks before the NSC begins. Guests requiring sign language interpreting should contact us at least one month before the NSC so sign language interpreters can be arranged.

Please note we are unable to provide personal assistive devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, or transportation between buildings. Texas A&M is a large campus therefore we encourage family members and guests with mobility concerns to plan accordingly.

Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/guests-with-disabilities for more information.

**To request accommodations:**

**For Family Members:** please contact New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826 or AggieFamilies@tamu.edu

**For Students:** please indicate needs during the NSC Registration or contact Disability Services at (979) 845-1637 or disability@tamu.edu.

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**To Do Before the NSC**

- Register as a family member or guest (required) for your student’s conference at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests.
- Ensure your student has taken care of conference requirements prior to their NSC. (page 7 of your students’ NSC Handbook)
  - Bacterial Meningitis Documentation
  - Math Placement Exam
  - Foreign Language Placement Testing
  - Texas Success Initiative Requirement
- Purchase an NSC Parking Permit
- Make Overnight Accommodations
- Visit newaggie.tamu.edu/preparing-to-be-an-aggie/ for important dates and deadlines regarding housing, parking, 12th Man Passes, and Extended Orientation.
- Join the Family Member Newsletter: parents.tamu.edu. Click “Family Newsletter” on the side column.
The New Student Conference includes programming specifically for family members and guests as they support their student through the college experience. You will attend several programs early in the conference with your student then later in the afternoon students and family members are separated. This allows us to cater material and information specifically to you!

The following family and guest specific programs take place during Freshman New Student Conferences:

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<th>Family &amp; Guest Check-In</th>
<th>Once you arrive, you will find separate areas for Student Check-In as well as Family and Guest Check-In where you will receive specific information for family members including a schedule of events, family calendar, and much more.</th>
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<td>Family On-Campus Housing Session</td>
<td>Learn about on-campus living arrangements and find out more information about housing related support services including guidelines for move-in day.</td>
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<td>Partners in Success</td>
<td>Representatives from the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and Student Counseling Service discuss ways the university partners with families to support and encourage students throughout their career at Texas A&amp;M.</td>
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<td>Ask an Aggie</td>
<td>A panel of current students will provide an expanded Q&amp;A session to address any questions or concerns and give their perspective on life at Texas A&amp;M.</td>
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<td>Dinner and Being an Aggie Family Member</td>
<td>Join other family members, staff from the Office of New Student &amp; Family Programs, and Orientation Leaders for dinner. Enjoy an opportunity to engage in discussion with other Aggie Families regarding your student’s transition to Texas A&amp;M. Also, representatives from the Federation of Aggie Moms will speak about getting involved in your local Aggie Moms’ Club.</td>
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To view a full NSC Schedule, visit: newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests

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**Pre-Conference Day**

There are two days of required NSC programs, however we encourage students and families to arrive on the day prior to your New Student Conference, what we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the June 10–11 conference, your Pre-Conference Day will take place on June 9. Families and students attending the Pre-Conference Day typically experience shorter wait times to accomplish necessary tasks.

On the Pre-Conference Day you have the opportunity to take advantage of supplemental programming, go through Check-In early, and attend a casual come-and-go social hosted by the Aggie Orientation Leader Program at the at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, home of The Association of Former Students. If you and your student do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then you should note that Check-In on the morning of Day One is mandatory.

*For the August Conference, the only Pre-Conference event is the Evening Social with the Orientation Leaders.*

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**¡Hola! NSCs en Español**

Through the generosity of The Association of Former Students, Spanish translation is available free of charge to family members and guests who desire to have information translated. Participants will be able to Check-In and ask questions to our Spanish-speaking staff, receive printed materials in Spanish, and hear live program translation. Please request translation at the time of online registration.

For further questions regarding NSCs en Español please e-mail us at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu.

A través de la generosidad de The Association of Former Students, traducciones al español están disponibles completamente gratuitas para aquellos que desean información traducida. Participantes podrán registrarse y hacer preguntas a nuestro personal que habla español, recibir material imprimido en español, y escuchar programas traducidos en vivo.

Por favor solicite estos servicios durante su registración en nuestra página en línea. Para más preguntas acerca de NSCs en Español, no dude en mandarnos un correo aggiefamilies@tamu.edu. ¡Esperamos conocerlos pronto y darles una cordial bienvenida!