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 student’s 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!

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 family member NSC 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 impreso 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!
Registering as a Family Member or Guest

Your student will register you as a family member or guest through the Applicant Information System (AIS) at applicant.tamu.edu. Registration will be available online until five business days prior to the conference. On-Site Registration is available; however, we HIGHLY SUGGEST registering online in advance.

Registration Deadlines and Costs:

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<td>(until 11:59 CST May 1, 2018)</td>
<td><strong>$25 per Family Member (Age 18+)</strong></td>
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<td>(May 2 – Five Business Days Prior to NSC Day 1)</td>
<td><strong>$30 per Family Member (Age 18+)</strong></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/Refunds

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 will have their charge waived; any additional family members will incur the conference charges as listed above. Students will automatically see the fee waiver option in AIS when registering.

If your student did not use or qualify for the fee deferral and you would like to request an exception for one family member/guest fee waiver please contact New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826.

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 five business days prior to your scheduled conference Day 1. No refunds will be given for cancellations within five business 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 locations for Check-In are Cain Garage, West Campus Garage, and Lot 61. The most convenient NSC permit parking for overnight accommodations in residence halls is Lot 40. The most convenient NSC permit parking for accommodations in White Creek Apartments is Lot 122.

More information regarding NSC Parking available at transport.tamu.edu/nsc.
To Do Before the NSC

- Make sure your student has registered you as a guest through the Applicant Information System.
- Ensure your student has taken care of conference requirements prior to their NSC. (page 7 of your student’s NSC Handbook)
  - Bacterial Meningitis Documentation
  - Math Placement Exam
  - Foreign Language Placement Testing
  - Texas Success Initiative Requirement
  - Online Orientation
- 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: aggiefamilies.tamu.edu. Click “Family Newsletter” on the side column.

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 accommodations. Accommodations will be available on the south side of campus and on West 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 accommodations may check in from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Pre-Conference Day or from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Conference Day 1 at the Zone Club. Check-in will also be available from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on both days at the residence hall/apartment you have selected. New Student Conference on-campus accommodations are 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 experiencebcs.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 two weeks 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.
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 will attend separate programs, allowing 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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<td>Family &amp; Guest Check-In</td>
<td>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 families including a schedule of events, family calendar, and much more.</td>
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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>First Generation Partners in Success</td>
<td>Is your student the first in your family to attend college? If so, please attend this specialized version of our Partners in Success presentation for information about resources that contribute to first-generation student success.</td>
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<td>Your Student’s Academic Success</td>
<td>An Aggie faculty member will provide insights to the Texas A&amp;M classroom experience and identify ways you can support your student academically.</td>
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<td>Introduction to Aggie Family Programs</td>
<td>Members of the New Student &amp; Family Programs staff will offer an introduction to the various Aggie Family Programs in place to support you through your student’s time at Texas A&amp;M. You’ll also learn about the Federation of Aggie Moms and getting involved in your local Aggie Moms’ Club.</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>Family Dinner</td>
<td>Enjoy dinner, meet other family members, and interact with the Aggie Orientation Leaders. The cost of this dinner is included in the family member registration charge.</td>
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<td>NSCs in Español Family Dinner</td>
<td>This version of our Family Dinner is designed especially for family members who would like to connect with other Spanish-speaking families.</td>
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To view a full NSC Schedule, visit [newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests](http://newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests).

*For the August Conference, evening programs on Day One will vary. Please visit [newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen](http://newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen) to view a full August Conference schedule.*

**Pre-Conference Day**

There are two days of required NSC programs, however we encourage students and families to arrive on the day prior to Day One of the New Student Conference, what we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the June 6–7 conference, the Pre-Conference Day will be June 5. 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. If you and your student do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then Check-In on the morning of Day One is mandatory.