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

The Office of New Student & Family Programs is here to support you and your student through their first year at Texas 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 (NSC).

The 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.

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. We look forward to formally welcoming you and your student to Texas A&M this summer!

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 family member NSC registration.

For further questions regarding NSCs en Español, please email us at aggiefamilias@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 aggiefamilias@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. One family member or guest registration is included in the student’s conference fee. Register additional family members and guests via AIS.

Family and guest registration will be available online until five business days prior to the NSC. On-Site Registration is available; however, we HIGHLY SUGGEST registering online in advance.

GUEST REGISTRATION COSTS

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<td>Up to 5 business days prior to NSC Day 1</td>
<td>$55 per person</td>
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<td>On-Site registration</td>
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The conference registration charge covers materials for the conference, four meals, facilities costs, and staffing during the conference. There is no charge for children under 5 years old. The registration charge does not include overnight accommodations; these arrangements must be made separately and are covered on the opposite page.

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 NSC fees, a fee deferral will automatically populate in AIS during registration.

If your student did not use or qualify for the fee deferral and you would like to request one for family members or guests, please contact New Student & Family Programs at (979) 845-5826.

To cancel registration for additional family members or guests and request a refund, log into AIS and select Contact Us - Ask a Question - Fee Question by May 15. Requests for refunds past the deadline should be emailed to nsfp@tamu.edu and include details regarding the need for a refund and documentation when applicable. Requests past the deadline will be handled on a case-by-case basis for extenuating circumstances.

NSC PARKING

One parking permit is included with each student NSC registration. 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 7 in the Freshman NSC Handbook. Please review the information carefully to ensure you receive your NSC parking permit.

The most convenient NSC permit parking locations for Check-In are 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 is available at transport.tamu.edu/nsc.
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 NSC 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 their family have checked out of housing.

Students and families staying in on-campus conference accommodations may check in from 1:30-5:00 p.m. on the Pre-Conference Day or 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Day 1 at the Zone Club at Kyle Field. 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 Experience BCS 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 disability 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.

TO DO BEFORE THE NSC

☐ Make sure your student has registered you as a guest through AIS

☐ Ensure your student has taken care of conference requirements prior to their NSC. (See page 8 of your student’s NSC Handbook)
  • Bacterial Meningitis Documentation
  • Math Placement Exam
  • Foreign Language Placement Testing
  • Texas Success Initiative Requirement
  • Online Orientation

☐ Ensure your student prints their NSC Parking Permit

☐ Make overnight accommodations

☐ Visit newaggie.tamu.edu/preparing-to-be-an-aggie for important dates and deadlines regarding housing, parking, sports passes and extended orientation.

☐ Register for the Aggie Family Network Portal at tx.ag/FamilyPortal to receive customized newsletters and information.
NSC EXPERIENCE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS & GUESTS

The NSC includes programming specifically for family members and guests as you support your student through the college experience. During parts of Day 1, we offer a separate track of activities for students and family members, allowing us to cater information specifically to you. Students and family members will come back together for our evening program featuring information about being an engaged Aggie and Yell Practice.

The following family and guest specific programs take place during freshman NSCs:

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<td>Introduction to Being an Aggie Family Member</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>The Essentials</td>
<td>Learn about campus dining, housing, etc. as well as how to access the Howdy portal as a family member.</td>
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<td>Family Lunch</td>
<td>Enjoy lunch in a relaxed atmosphere while you meet other Aggie family members and interact with Orientation Leaders and representatives from various campus resources.</td>
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<td>Corps of Cadets Family Session</td>
<td>Family members of students joining the Corps of Cadets will learn about Corps academic support, the weekly schedule for cadets, and Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) check-in.</td>
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<td>Safety &amp; Wellness</td>
<td>Learn about safety and wellness on campus and hear from a panel of representatives from the University Police Department, Student Health Services, and Student Counseling Service.</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>Family Dinner</td>
<td>Enjoy dinner, meet other family members, and interact with the Orientation Leaders.</td>
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To view a full NSC Schedule, visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests.

* For the August Conference, evening programs on Day One will vary. Please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen to view a full August NSC 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 1 of the NSC, what we refer to as the Pre-Conference Day. For example, if you are registered for the June 5–6 conference, the Pre-Conference Day will be June 4. 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 go through Check-In early and attend a casual come-and-go social hosted by the Orientation Leaders. If you and your student do not attend the Pre-Conference Day, then Check-In on the morning of Day 1 is mandatory.