

How to Attend an NSTA Conference on a Budget

Conferences like those offered by NSTA provide substantial value—both personally and professionally—such as continued learning, fresh perspectives, insights into the latest trends, and new connections. In addition, there's no reason attending should break the bank. Here are ways to attend an NSTA conference on a budget.

1. Plan Early to Take Advantage of Discounts

It goes without saying, but advance planning is key for anyone looking to attend an event on a budget. Registration, transportation, and lodging are the largest expenses, and thinking ahead about these items is advantageous. NSTA offers generous registration discounts for those who purchase in advance. There are two discount deadlines in total (earlybird and advance) that give you plenty of time to finalize your travel arrangements.

2. Book Your Stay at Official Conference Hotels

See our NSTA Housing & Travel web pages for offers on conference hotels at discounted rates.

3. Convince Your Boss to Help Fund Your Attendance

Survey results showed that many NSTA attendees had their registration paid by their school or organization. Convince your principal or organization leader to approve/fund your trip.

4. Travel with a Team

Traveling with a group of colleagues or friends is not only fun, but also helps to significantly reduce the cost of travel. Traveling with a group allows you to split the cost of hotel rooms and transportation.

NSTA also offers special registration discounts for groups. Bring 5 attendees for the price of 4. Use Code **5FOR4** to get a free fifth registration when you sign up four attendees (**applies for full registration ONLY*).

5. Explore Alternative Funding Options

If all of the cost-cutting tips above are not enough, consider alternative options, such as fundraising.

For example, [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) helps teachers request resources for their professional development.