

ISC Information Booklet for Schools

2025 International Student Convention May 24-29 Ball State University Muncie, Indiana

The International Student Convention is A.C.E.'s premier event that helps develop students' Godgiven talents. The fellowship and memories they experience throughout the week last a lifetime. In order to best serve your students before arriving at ISC, please review the updated ISC information in this booklet. For more information, please review the Student Convention Guidelines, or email ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Registration/Participation fees will vary depending on the options you select during registration. See the options and fees below:

ON-CAMPUS (includes housing and meals)

\$30/person – Nonrefundable School Registration Fee (Maximum \$300/School) \$395 – Student/Sponsor/Guest Fee

OFF-CAMPUS (includes meals)

\$30/person – Nonrefundable School Registration Fee (Maximum \$300/School) \$270 – Student/Sponsor Fee

OFF-CAMPUS GUESTS

\$10 – Guest Fee (per person) Visitors may purchase meals daily for \$11 per meal.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The final date to register for ISC is **May 1**.

ON-SITE LATE REGISTRATION FEE

Registrations completed on-site at ISC will incur a \$15 fee for each registration, making the per person registration fee \$45 (maximum \$450 per school).

For a smooth registration process, please ensure your fees are paid in full prior to arriving at ISC.

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NOTE: Due to increased security measures, it will be necessary for ALL day guests seeking admittance into any on-campus building to be registered at Master Control upon arrival. All guests staying all week will be required to be registered – prior to arriving at ISC – with the school with which they are attending ISC.

REGISTRATION

PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration packets must be postmarked by May 1, 2025.

REGISTRATION MAILING AND SHIPPING ADDRESSES

Please send all registration information by email to <u>ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com</u> or to either of the following addresses:

Mailing AddressShipping AddressA.C.E.A.C.E.

Attn: ISC Attn: ISC

P.O. Box 2707 130 Maple Drive North Hendersonville, TN 37077-2707 Hendersonville, TN 37075

If mailing, please make copies in case they get lost in the mail.

If a receiving phone number for the shipping address is required, please use 615-612-5200.

ON-SITE CHECK-IN MAY 24

On-site check-in is from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Late check-in will not be available.

DRESS CHECK

There will be a mandatory dress check for all participants at registration. Please arrive at Ball State University in appropriate Student Convention dress and with proper haircuts on registration day. Schools may not register unless all of the sponsors and students meet at least the non-rally dress code. See the *Student Convention Guidelines* for specific details.

SECURITY POLICY

ISC passports are required for all individuals to enter ISC events, meals, and rallies. Please register guests staying all week with your school's preregistration. Any unregistered guests must go to Master Control upon arrival on campus to register with their school and receive a passport. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms. **NOTE:** Ball State University will conduct security checks upon entrance at each rally.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

NO EARLY ARRIVALS/THURSDAY NIGHT STAY OVERS

Ball State University cannot accommodate any early arrivals (May 23) or Thursday night stay overs (May 29).

SHIPPING AND MAILING ADDRESS

If it is necessary for you to ship something to the Convention, please clearly address USPS, UPS®, or FedEx® correspondence or packages as follows:

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Name of Participant
Ball State University
Attn: Karen Adkins – North Dining
1525 N McKinley Ave
Muncie, IN 47306

If a receiving phone number is required, please use 765-285-1967.

LOST KEY

There will be a \$100 Lost Key Fee.

WEATHER

Average temperatures in May for the Muncie, Indiana, area range from overnight lows in the 50s (10°C) to daytime highs in the mid-70s (24°C).

CHECKOUT

All those staying on campus must check out of the residence halls between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., Thursday, May 29, before the Awards Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The last meal provided by the University will be breakfast on Thursday, May 29.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Ball State University. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. Transportation on and off campus is the responsibility of the schools/families.

Air Travel: Most major airlines serve the Fort Wayne International Airport. Ball State University is located in Muncie, Indiana, which is approximately 70 miles (113 km) north, about a 1.25-hour drive from Fort Wayne International Airport.

HOUSING

GUESTS

Guests 13 years of age and older may register with a school and stay in the residence halls. Men will stay in the boys' residence hall and ladies in the girls' residence hall. Fees are the same as for contestants and sponsors. (CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT STAY IN RESIDENCE HALLS.)

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Current *Student Convention Guidelines* may be viewed <u>here</u>. Forms are available in the Forms section of the Guidelines.

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM (CF5)

If you have a student who will have a sponsor from another school, a **copy** of that school's completed Sponsor Registration Form (CF5), with the appropriate signature, **must** be included in your registration packet.

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PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT CONVENTION AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (CF6)

ALL sponsors, students, and guests must complete the Permission for Participation Form (CF6).

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO HEALTHCARE FOR MINOR AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (CF8)

ALL students must complete a Parent/Guardian Authorization Form (CF8).

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16)

ALL schools must annually complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) for conventions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries in the Recreation and Wellness Building between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. You MUST check in your exhibits on Saturday!

THE CONNECT: NEW WELCOME KICKOFF

We would like to invite **all students and sponsors** to The Connect, our new welcome fellowship. Please come in non-rally attire that represents your country, state, or RSC. There will be time for games, fellowship, and treats! This year, the pin trading extravaganza will be taking place at The Connect—so don't forget to bring pins to trade! Come connect with other schools Saturday after dinner from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

INVITATION FOR FLAG CORPS AND COLOR GUARDS TO JOIN GRAND ENTRY

We are thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for your school's **flag corps and color guard** to participate in the **Grand Entry Ceremony** this year. Students will be encouraged to dress in their color guard and flag corps uniforms during the ceremony.

JUDGES NEEDED

International Student Convention is looking for qualified staff to assist in judging various areas of competition at this year's Convention. If you have training, experience, or other qualifications in a particular field and would be willing to assist as a paid judge in this vital area of Convention, please email the Student Convention Office at ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com or call 615-612-5200.

JUDGES' MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for all judges on Sunday morning immediately following the worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Attendance is strongly encouraged at the Sunday morning orientation and worship service at 10 a.m. Rest, practice, and becoming acquainted with the location of buildings and competition rooms are encouraged after the service.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Out of respect for each winner, plan to attend the entire Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony should conclude around 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 29. Schools will not be able to receive their packets unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

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ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Basketball and Volleyball: Competition will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday. Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full-length sweat pants, warm-up pants, trousers, or kneelength hemmed shorts. Male students may not wear shorts outside of athletic competition areas. Please wear long warm-ups or pants over shorts while going to and from competition.

OPEN COMPETITION AT ISC

Please note that no Regional Convention qualification is required for the following "official" events. (Students are encouraged to participate in these events at Regional Student Convention; however, it is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.)

NOTE: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.) Only six entries from each school, except for Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, Scribe's Award, and Consecutive Word Count.

- Bible Memory (#201)
- Website Design (#223)
- PowerPoint® Presentation-Linear (#224)
- PowerPoint®-Nonlinear (#225)
- Soulwinning (#230)
- Golden Apple (#231)
- Golden Lamb (#232)
- Golden Harp (#233)
- Christian Soldier (#234)
- Christian Worker (#235)
- Consecutive Word Count (#236)
- Scribe's Award (#237)
- Metalworking (#313)
- Scrapbooking (#314)
- Pennant Design (#315)
- Formals (#352)
- Coats/Suits (#353)

- Knitting (#360)
- Afghans (#362)
- Color Guard (#461)
- Flag Corps (#462)
- Music Composition (#550)
- Music Arranging (#551)
- Dramatic Monologue (#603)
- Preaching—ages 13-15 (#609)
- Preaching—ages 16 and up (#610)
- Ventriloquism (#624)
- Interpretation for the Deaf (#626)
- Radio Program (#627)
- Scripture Video (#628)
- Group Bible Speaking (#629)
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video (#630)

GAME ZONE EVENTS

Game Zone events are open to ALL participants attending International Student Convention and do not require Regional Convention qualification or preregistration.

All Game Zone event participants must conform to the dress and appearance guidelines for similar event categories.

No official events will be rescheduled due to conflicts with Game Zone. All *Student Convention Guidelines* will apply for Game Zone events.

New Game Zone Event for 2025: Pickleball