

AWAKEN

Awake thou that sleepest . . . and Christ shall give thee light.
Ephesians 5:14



ISC Information Booklet for Schools

2026 International Student Convention May 30-June 4
Hope College
Holland, Michigan

The International Student Convention is A.C.E.'s premier event that helps develop students' God-given 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.

UPDATES

2/17/2026

- Financial information updated on page 2.

1/26/2026

- Early entry upload deadline updated on page 3.

12/1/2025

- The Connect information updated on page 5.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

ONLINE EARLY REGISTRATION (Registration completed by May 1, 2026):

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 – Daily Guest Fee

Meals can be purchased in the dining hall.

REGISTRATION (Registration completed after May 1, 2026, or on-site):

ON-CAMPUS (includes housing and meals)

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

\$410 – Student/Sponsor/Guest Fee

OFF-CAMPUS (includes meals)

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

\$285 – Student/Sponsor Fee

OFF-CAMPUS GUESTS

\$10 – Daily Guest Fee

Meals can be purchased in the dining hall.

PLEASE NOTE:

- To register after May 1, please email ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.
- For a smooth registration process, please ensure your fees are paid in full prior to arriving at ISC.
- 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.

REGISTRATION

PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration packets must be postmarked by May 1, 2026.

REGISTRATION MAILING AND SHIPPING ADDRESSES

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

Mailing Address

A.C.E.
Attn: ISC
P.O. Box 2707
Hendersonville, TN 37077-2707

Shipping Address

A.C.E.
Attn: ISC
130 Maple Drive North
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.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE

Online early entry upload submission must be completed by **April 24, 2026, at midnight.**

ON-SITE CHECK-IN MAY 30

On-site check-in is from 10 a.m. until 5 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 Hope College 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: Security checks will be taking place upon entrance at each rally.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

NO EARLY ARRIVALS/THURSDAY NIGHT STAY OVERS

Hope College cannot accommodate any early arrivals (May 29) or Thursday night stay overs (June 4).

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. (The mail room is not open on Saturdays or Sundays. Please keep that in mind if you need to ship something.)

A.C.E.: Name of Participant
c/o Events and Conference Center
141 E. 12th Street
Holland, MI 49423

LOST KEY

There will be a \$50 Lost Key Fee for physical keys and \$30 for digital key cards.

WEATHER

Average temperatures in May for the Holland, Michigan, area range from overnight lows in the mid-to-upper 40s (8°C) to daytime highs in the upper 60s (20°C).

CHECKOUT

All those staying on campus must check out of the residence halls between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., Thursday, June 4, before the Awards Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The last meal provided by the college will be breakfast on Thursday, June 4.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Hope College. 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 Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Hope College is located in Holland, Michigan, which is approximately 34 miles (55 km) west, about a 45-minute drive from Gerald R. Ford 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.)**

LINENS

This year, Hope College will not be offering a linen service. Attendees will need to make their own arrangements for bedding and towels. We understand this may be challenging for our international schools, so we have prepared some options to assist. For more details, please email ISC@aceschooloftomorrow.com.

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Current *Student Convention Guidelines* may be viewed [here](#). 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.

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 and minor guests 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

EXHIBITS ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. **You MUST check in your exhibits on Saturday!**

THE CONNECT: WELCOME KICKOFF

All students and sponsors are invited to The Connect, our welcome fellowship. You are welcome to wear non-rally attire (no T-shirts, please) that represents your country, state, or RSC. There will be time for games, fellowship, and treats! Bring pins to trade! Come connect with other schools Saturday after dinner from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

THE SWEET EXCHANGE

Join us for a new post-rally reception, The Sweet Exchange! Bring candies or sweet treats that showcase your community, city, or country, and enjoy a time of fellowship as we trade and share sweets together.

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, June 4. Schools will not be able to receive their packets unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

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 knee-length 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)
- 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)

- Scrapbooking (#314)
- Pennant Design (#315)
- Formals (#352)
- Coats/Suits (#353)
- 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.**